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Vaishali makes history, wins Candidates 2026

GM R Vaishali etched her name in the record books as she beat Kateryna Lagno and won the Women's Candidates 2026. She became the Women's World Championship Challenger and will face reigning world champion Ju Wenjun. She is also the second Indian woman after Koneru Humpy (2011) to feature in title match | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

Delimitation: Oppn to vote down Constitution change

Bills to be debated in LS seek to expedite 33% women's reservation

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the three-day special session of Parliament, Opposition parties decided to vote against the proposed Constitution amendment bill on delimitation, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said on Wednesday. Top Opposition leaders had met at Kharge's residence here to discuss strategy on the women's reservation law and the proposed delimitation amendment.

Kharge stressed that the Opposition has always supported women's reservation in Parliament, but was concerned about the manner in which the bill is being brought. "It is politically motivated. Just to gag and suppress Opposition parties, the government is doing this," Kharge said after the meeting.

"We are continuously supporting women's reservation. We are insisting that the earlier amendment that was passed, be implemented. They (the BJP-led government) are playing tricks with delimitation. Therefore, all parties have taken a decision unitedly to oppose this bill," he added.

Besides Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, other leaders at the meeting included DMK's T R Baalu, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, AAP's Sanjay Singh, Trinamool's Sagarika Ghosh, Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Sanjay Raut and Arvind Sawant, NCP-SCP's Supriya Sule, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav (joining virtually), CPI's Annie Raja, CPI-M's Nilotpal Basu, AAP leader Sanjay Singh, Independent MP Kapil Sibal, IUML's E T Mohd Bashir and RSP's N K Premchandran, apart from Congress general secretaries K C Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge addresses the press after a meeting of Opposition leaders on the special Parliament session, in Delhi on Wednesday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Leaders from Kerala and Tamil Nadu said that the women's reservation Act should be implemented within the existing framework of 543 seats.

Later, in a video message, Rahul said the Congress will not allow the women's reservation bill to be implemented on the basis of the 2011 Census as there is no data on backward communities in it.

"Congress party unequivocally supports women's reservation. Parliament unanimously passed the bill in 2023, it is already part of our Constitution," he said, adding, "what the government is proposing now has nothing to do with women's reservation. This amendment is an attempted power grab using delimitation and gerrymandering."

"We will not allow 'Hissa Chori' from OBC, Dalit and Adivasi communities by ignoring the caste census data. We will also not allow Southern, North Eastern, North Western and smaller states to be treated unfairly," he warned.

Rahul cited his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018 in which he had demanded the implementation of the women's bill from the 2019 general elections. P11

18 hours of debate

LS's Business Advisory Committee has allocated 18 hours for the debate, which may run into Friday. Arjun Ram Meghwal will introduce two bills, while Amit Shah will introduce the third one

Indian delegation to visit US next week for talks on trade agreement

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

AN Indian delegation will be in the US from April 20 to 22 to take forward the negotiations on the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said on Wednesday.

This will be the first such in-person engagement between the two sides after the US Supreme Court struck down President Trump's reciprocal tariffs as illegal. The ruling had prompted both sides to recalibrate their positions ahead of the next round of talks.

"The negotiating teams will be meeting in person after a gap of about 3-4 months. They have been engaging virtually. We are looking at finalising the legal agreement, which is a logical follow-up of the joint statement released on 7th February," Agarwal said.

The BTA was initially to be signed by mid-March. But after the Supreme Court ruling, the Trump administration rolled back the 25% tariffs and announced a 10% tariff under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 on certain imports from all countries.

Meanwhile, India submitted its rebuttal to the US Trade Representative (USTR) on April 15 regarding Section 301 measures, a longstanding point of contention between the two countries. "The US has initiated investigations involving several countries. Both sides will sit together and discuss how these issues need to be structured and addressed," he said.

US-IRAN STANDOFF

Pak's Munir in Tehran to revive ceasefire talks

AGENCIES

AMID efforts to extend the ceasefire between the US and Iran, a Pakistani delegation led by Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Asim Munir reached Tehran on Wednesday, carrying a US message to the Iranian leadership.

Munir is accompanied by Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, the Inter-Services Public Relations, the media wing of the military, said in a statement.

DAY 47 WAR WATCH

Iran's state-run TV reported that the purpose of the visit is to deliver a US message to Iranian leadership and to plan the next round of negotiations.

In an interview that aired on Wednesday, Donald Trump said the war was "very close to over". Earlier, reports quoting regional officials said the two countries had reached an "in principle agreement" to extend the truce However, Washington has denied the reports. P13

Man hurls down paralysed mom from 4th floor

ENS @ Bengaluru

A 75-year-old paralysed woman was killed by her 42-year-old son who threw her from the fourth floor of a residential building in BEML Layout III Stage on Wednesday.

The deceased, Savithramma, had been bedridden for the past four years and was dependent on her son C Venkatesh. The police arrested Venkatesh following a complaint by building owner E Vikram.

In his complaint, Vikram stated that the accused lifted his mother from their second floor home to the fourth floor terrace and threw her down on Wednesday afternoon, and the woman died on the spot.

MLA Kulkarni, 16 others convicted in murder case

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

FORMER minister and Congress MLA from Dharwad assembly constituency **Vinay Kulkarni** and 16 others were convicted on Wednesday in the 2016 murder of Zilla Panchayat member Yogesh Goudar. The quantum of punishment will be pronounced on Thursday. Kulkarni had given supari (contract) to the other convicts as he shared personal enmity and political rivalry with Goudar.

Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat of the Special Court for sitting and former MPs/MLAs, convicted the 17 accused on charges of murder, criminal conspiracy, causing disappearance of evidence or providing false information and others. However, the court acquitted Kulkarni and another accused, Chandrashekar Indi, of charges under the Arms Act. While 21 persons were named in the case, accused No. 1 Basavaraj and No. 17 Shivanand Shrishaila Biradar turned approvers. The court acquitted accused No. 20 Vasudev and No. 21 Somashekhar Nyamagoud, giving them the benefit of doubt. P4

EXPRESS READ

Cong suspends Jabbar

Davanagere: The Congress, which first forced MLC Abdul Jabbar to resign as KPCC Minority Cell president, on Wednesday suspended him from the primary membership of the party for anti-party activities during the bypolls at Davanagere South. P4

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• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chaturdasi 6.56 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Uttharabhadra 12.41 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 23°C | MAX 37°C
FORECAST Mostly cloudy
Sunrise 06.06 am | Sunset 06.32 pm | Moonrise 04.56 am | Moonset 05.31 pm

K'TAKA RELEASES FIRST PHASE OF QUANTUM ECOSYSTEM ROADMAP

Backed by ₹1,000-crore fund, it aims to build $20billion ecosystem by 2035

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government on Wednesday released the first phase of its Quantum Ecosystem Roadmap in Bengaluru at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium to mark World Quantum Day.

Karnataka became the first state in India to unveil a quantum roadmap in July 2025, backed by a Rs 1,000-crore fund to build a 20-billion dollar quantum ecosystem by 2035.

The roadmap is being co-developed with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Raman Research Institute (RRI), Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).

As part of the first phase, Prof Arindam Ghosh of IISc was felicitated at the event and appointed chairperson of the Karnataka Quantum Task Force. Science and Technology Minister NS Boseraju formally announced the appointment.

"We are the first state in India to come up with a Quantum Ecosystem Roadmap. Karnataka is already at the forefront of this technology. Prepared by IISc, the map captures key technological advancements and showcases an ecosystem that no other state currently has. We are proud to launch such a comprehensive mapping initiative," Boseraju said.

IT&BT Minister Priyank Kharge and S&T Minister NS Bosaraju meet students at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

A key component of the roadmap is Q-City, a proposed quantum hub aimed at bringing academia, startups and industry onto a single platform to enable seamless translation of research into real-world applications.

IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said the state is expanding its innovation ecosystem across Karnataka.

"By providing equity-free grants of up to ₹50 lakh to more than 1,300 startups, we catalysed the venture capital community to deploy a record ₹732 crore in a single day. While Bengaluru proudly reigns as the world's fourth-largest tech cluster with over 1,000 global capability centres, we are now rapidly expanding this growth. Through the Local Economic Acceleration Programme (LEAP) and a ₹1,000-crore investment, we are taking this unmatched innovation ecosystem to cities across the state," he said.

State govt to unveil GIA 2.0 to strengthen global tech ties

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THE state government is set to unveil the next phase of its Global Innovation Alliance (GIA 2.0) at Bridge to Bengaluru 2026 in New Delhi on April 17, to further strengthen the state's global innovation footprint.

Speaking at a press conference here on Wednesday, IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said the initiative marks a shift from "dialogue to delivery", enabling startups and companies to access global markets while bringing international innovation ecosystems closer to Karnataka. He added that the state is entering a 'Deep Tech Decade', with a focus on strengthening the innovation value chain from research and talent to capital and market access.

Over the past one year, Karnataka has hosted multiple GIA programmes, including international mixers, webinars and market access initiatives for fintech, health tech, clean tech and biotech startups to connect with global investors and institutions, he added.

Priyank also said that Bridge to Bengaluru 2026 will serve as the global showcase for the GIA 2.0, bringing together representatives from 75 countries, including governments, diplomats, startups and industry leaders.

Launched as a first-of-its-kind initiative, GIA has emerged as a platform for global innovation with partnerships in over 40 countries, supports over 2,000 startups and turns Karnataka into a gateway for global innovation ecosystems. GIA 2.0 aims to deepen sector-specific partnerships across emerging domains such as deep tech and artificial intelligence.

The event will act as a precursor to the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026, scheduled for November.

India Post releases stamp on Axiom Mission

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INDIA Post on Wednesday released a commemorative stamp inspired by the Axiom Mission, in which India's Gaganyatri Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla was a part of. He was the first Indian to stay at the International Space Station.

The stamp, symbolising India's growing presence in human spaceflight, was designed by Manish Tripathi, founder of aantarDESI. The stamp was released by ISRO Chairman V Narayanan along with Shukla recently.

Tripathi said, "To see a design that began as an emblem on an astronaut's suit find a place in India's postal history is incredibly humbling. A stamp is not just a medium of communication, it is a lasting record. For this mission and its story to travel to homes across the country in this form is truly special."

The mission patch was conceived as a visual narrative that captures the spirit of exploration, national pride and India's forward-looking vision in space. Its journey from a space suit to a postage stamp was initiated by ISRO and brought to life by India Post, marking a unique collaboration between scientific achievement and creative expression.

AGE NO BAR FOR CHEERS

A mother-daughter duo cheers along with other spectators during the IPL match between RCB and LSG at Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Akshita Agarwal, Ryan International School | Kalvi Jayeetha, Chaithnya Techno School | Krishang Tekariwal, Delhi Public School

CBSE results out: B'luru retains third position with 98.91%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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EVEN as the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) released class 10 results on Wednesday evening, Bengaluru region (covering Karnataka) stood third nationally like last year. The pass percentage stood at 98.91%, only 0.01% less than that of the last year.

Meanwhile, Trivandrum and Vijayawada scoring 99.79% and Chennai scoring 99.58% bagged the first and second positions in the country, indicating the high performance of South in CBSE. As in every year, girls performed better than boys in the examination in Karnataka. The pass percentage of girls is 99.43% while boys recorded 98.5%.

Around 1,01,806 students from 1,399 schools had registered for the exams conducted in 339 centres. Of these, 1,01,660 students appeared and 1,00,554 students cleared the exams. This includes 54,023 boys and 46,531 girls.

2-exam policy from this yr

From this batch, CBSE has introduced two sets of exams for Class 10 students. As per this news policy, the second batch of exams will begin from mid-May, and the students can enrol for the same from their respective schools. However, only those who have appeared in at least three subjects in the first set of examinations are eligible to appear in the second batch.

No merit list from now on

To avoid unhealthy competition among students, no merit list is declared by the CBSE and no first, second or third rank is also announced. The CBSE will award merit certificates to 0.1% students who have scored the highest marks in CBSE exams. They will be available in the digilocker after the second batch of exams.

Many score high marks

Many students have scored high marks in the examinations this year. Kalvi Jayeetha and Bapathu Tarunya from Chaithnya Techno School, Bannerghatta, scored 499 out of 500 marks. Leela Maanush Gajula from the same school scored scored 498 marks. Jayeetha said, "I studied for five hours every day before the exams and maintained consistency throughout. I will pursue the science stream and also start preparing for the JEE to enter the IIT."

R Kanishka and Krishang Tekariwal from Delhi Public School Bengaluru East scored 497 marks. Tekariwal said, "I studied for eight hours everyday. I aspire to study engineering at an IIT, but at the same time, continue my passion for sports."

Institute celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti

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DR Ambedkar Institute of Technology in Mallathahalli celebrated the 135th Ambedkar Jayanti on its premises on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, retired judge Justice Gopal S Shetty said reservation is not supposed to be a "mercy", but a tool designed by the Indian Constitution to ensure that the promise of equality actually reaches those the system has historically left behind.

Advocate Sahana Gopal went on to challenge the very language we use, arguing that women are not receiving reservations. "When opportunities are denied, women need to find the courage to question the system and claim what is theirs," she said.

Dr M Mahadev, secretary of the PVP Trust, questioned whether the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam bill would actually empower women or if the seats would simply be occupied by the daughters and wives of the current political elite.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including trustees BN Umesh and S Shivamallu and principal Mahalinga V Mandi.

EXPRESS READ

Summit on aviation, aerospace at IIM-B

Bengaluru: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore will host the ninth edition of the International Conference on Future of Aviation and Aerospace (FOAA) on April 18 (Saturday), in partnership with TBS Education, France. The global summit will bring together industry experts, researchers and academic experts to deepen the understanding of the current and future state of aviation. Deputy Consul General of the German Consulate General in Bengaluru, Annett Baessler, will deliver the inaugural address.

Trader fined Rs 2L for selling plastic

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd division of the West City Corporation slapped a fine of Rs 2 lakh on a plastic trader for storing and selling illegal single-use plastic. During an inspection on Wednesday, officials found that Balaji Poly Pack was illegally storing and trading in banned single-use plastic and NWPP (non-woven polypropylene) bags. The business was being run on Nagarabhavi Main Road, while a residential building in Moodalapalya, was being used as a warehouse.

North City chief to hear grievances tomorrow

Bengaluru: The North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar will respond to public grievances at a phone-in programme from 7 am to 9 am on Friday. People can raise complaints directly with the commissioner on civic issues such as potholes and road repair work, maintenance of streetlights, door-to-door garbage collection and disposal, removal of risky trees and branches, mosquito control measures, stray dogs, development and maintenance of parks, removal of unauthorised banners and posters, clearance of encroachments on footpaths and issues related to e-Khata. All grievances received will be registered on the 'Sahaaya 2.0' portal.

IAPUC records 97.87% pass in II PU exams

Bengaluru: IAPUC recorded a pass percentage of 97.87% in the recently held II PU examinations. Of the students who passed, 85.5% secured high-tier honours, with 109 students (26.3%) achieving Distinction and 245 students (59.2%) obtaining First Class. Kiran (CSBA) emerged as the overall topper with 589 out of 600 (98.17%), while Mohammed Favaz V.M. (PCMC) topped the science stream with 576 out of 600 (96%).

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

16th April : Live Wires Yesterday brought four lunar conjunctions in Aries. Today only brings one, but it's more intense and enduring -- a perfect alignment of Mercury and Neptune highlighting electric sparks of communication, filled with imagination, originality, vitality and specificity. Whether they come through in presentations of media posts, stories or epic feats of flirting, it's the vibe that makes one feel vividly alive.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Foreign financial concepts that seemed confusing are now interesting to you. You can learn this. It's actually not hard, and this surge of empowerment is only the start. Keep it up and you will be better than ever with your money.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
A long-standing source of friction simply dissolves. Everyone exhales at once. From here forward, it will be easier to make plans, have conversations and share openly. The group will grow stronger.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You hope that preparation will keep you safe, confident and winning. But how do you prepare for total unknowns? The best you can do is trust in your talents, and if they are a mismatch, you always have your powers of adaptation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
The weird buzz at work or the hot gossip in a friend group seems like a coded message at first. But there's a way to think of this or use it that unlocks a better way to work. Relationships and paths reorganize.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You'll solve an expensive problem -- good for everyone involved, especially you. The larger the problem you solve, the larger the paycheck orbiting it. Businesses and people gladly fund relief from costly headaches.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
It's not all fun and games, but you can make a game out of doing the "un-fun" part. Reverse psychology yourself. Tell yourself you're only allowed to do two minutes of the task. You'll hate stopping midmotion. Momentum sneaks in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Some days whisper -- not this one. It's a dance mix turned up. No calm reflection, no gentle healing. You sweat out the bad and work out the kinks in the system through vigor. On the other side of the exertion is a calm you've earned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
You're not stuck. Even if it feels messy, you are in a phase where things can actually move forward across the board. Analysis and self-judgment is not part of this process. Move and keep moving. Cross to the far shore.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Though you may be in a position to serve, don't think of yourself as a servant today. Rather, you're a producer. You produce an experience of ease and beauty. You produce a feeling of warmth and acceptance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Manners and serviceability can be a choice. They can also be a defense. In a system that favors the powerful, sometimes the less powerful have too much at stake to risk offending anyone. True kindness is built on a foundation of justice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You could really use a change of environment. If you can't go somewhere fresh, try changing something else about the scene, such as adjusting the playlist, switching rooms, moving the furniture or using different lighting. Your mind sees this as a new chapter.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
What if the most important work of the day is figuring out how to have fun? It sounds easy enough, but because everyone is different, fun takes a bit of personal design. You'll work it out like a pro.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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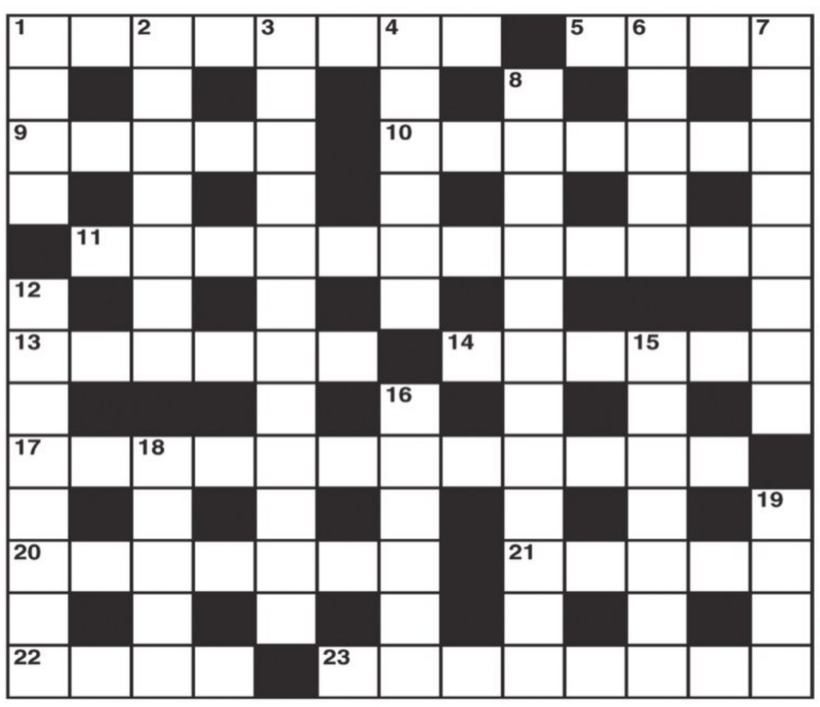

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Move to break concentration (8)
5 Rainbow seen when in the garden (4)
9 One may have nothing to say at any stage (5)
10 About ten Anna's a bit of a butterfly (7)
11 He lacks refinement and sparkle perhaps (5,7)
13 They have news or distribute it (6)
14 Not so fair (6)
17 Container that's made to go by elephant (9,3)
20 Make the most of an adventure (7)
21 Giant group of stars (5)
22 Quits the day before starting at noon (4)
23 A double first (4,4)

DOWN
1 Expected to end in mortal combat (4)
2 Placed in a losing position in tennis (3,4)
3 Inflation means cut-back to going rate perhaps (12)
4 A drink that is diluted and cast out (6)
6 Music for a man to perform (5)
7 Normal colours (8)
8 A firm grip on the throttle? (12)
12 Whole poem Celt revised (8)
15 Fancy a title for a Lennon song (7)
16 A fine state to be in (6)
18 Fall back in initial circuits to gain energy (5)
19 Speed of negative sound (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Incurious, 8 Arena, 9 Logical, 10 Allege, 11 Peanut, 12 Improved, 15 Optional, 18 Yachts, 20 Awaits, 21 Clarets, 22 Radii, 23 Nectarine.

Down: 2 Noose, 3 Unions, 4 Inaction, 5 Sailor, 6 Reserve, 7 Calendars, 11 Put on airs, 13 Polyglot, 14 Strands, 16 Obtain, 17 Scorer, 19 Titan.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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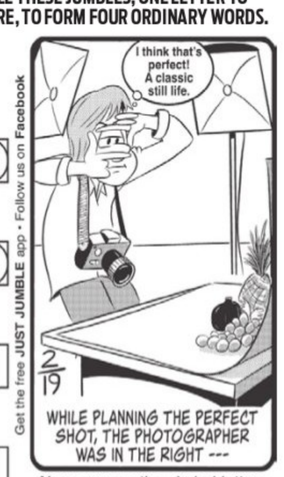
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIPE MURKY JOSTLE KETTLE
Answer: When The Doors performed "Light My Fire," Ray Manzarek played a — KEY ROLE

Navnirman Ke Varsh

Empowering Women, Enabling Progress

Safety Secured | Dignity Delivered | Self-Reliance Realised

Empowering women through protection, participation and prosperity across Uttar Pradesh

Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh is scripting a powerful narrative of women-led transformation. With a sharp focus on safety, dignity and self-reliance, the state has built a comprehensive ecosystem that ensures protection, promotes participation and powers progress. From strengthening law enforcement and expanding welfare coverage to enabling entrepreneurship and financial inclusion, Uttar Pradesh is ensuring that every woman is not just supported, but empowered to lead, contribute and succeed.

Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana

- The Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana, launched in 2019, aims to:
  - Ensure a balanced sex ratio,
  - Prevent female foeticide,
  - Strengthen health and education of girls,
  - Provide financial assistance to families, and
  - Promote a positive societal attitude towards the birth of a girl child.

Eligible beneficiaries include families who are residents of Uttar Pradesh, have an annual income up to ₹3.00 lakh, and have a maximum of two children.

- From the financial year 2024-25, the total financial assistance under the scheme has been increased from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000.

The amount is disbursed in six stages:

Category 1 ₹5,000 at the time of birth	**Category 2** ₹2,000 after completion of one year of immunisation
Category 3 ₹3,000 at admission to Class 1	**Category 4** ₹3,000 at admission to Class 6
Category 5 ₹5,000 at admission to Class 9	**Category 6** ₹7,000 upon passing Class 10/12 and enrolling in a degree or diploma course (minimum 2 years)

- So far, a total of 26.78 lakh eligible girls have been benefited under the scheme.

Nirashrit Mahila Pension Yojana

- Under this scheme, women aged 18 years and above who are permanent residents of Uttar Pradesh, whose husbands have passed away, and whose annual family income does not exceed ₹2.00 lakh are identified as eligible beneficiaries. The pension amount is directly transferred to their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, ensuring transparency and timely support.
- The scheme has seen a steady enhancement in benefits, from ₹500 per month per beneficiary in 2016-17 to ₹1,000 per month since 2021-22. Further strengthening this support, the government has announced an increase in pension to **₹1,500 per month from April 2026,** reinforcing its commitment to financial security for vulnerable women.
- In 2016-17, a total of 17.31 lakh women were receiving pensions under the scheme. Within just nine years, an additional 21.27 lakh eligible women have been identified and brought under its ambit, significantly expanding its reach.
- Over 38.58 lakh women covered under the scheme

Rani Lakshmi Bai Mahila Samman Kosh

The state government remains highly sensitive towards women and girls who are victims of heinous crimes. Under this fund, victims of nine categories of serious crimes are provided financial compensation ranging from ₹1 lakh to ₹10 lakh. Provisions for free medical treatment are also included.

- Since 2017, a total of 13,350 women and girls have been provided compensation amounting to ₹472.07 crore under the scheme.

One Stop Centre

- This scheme has been operational since 2015-16. It provides integrated support services to women affected by violence under one roof, including temporary shelter (up to 5 days), medical assistance, counselling services, legal aid, and police support.
- 94 One Stop Centres across 75 districts
- Since inception, a total of 2.39 lakh cases have been referred to One Stop Centres.

Mission Shakti
Women Security
Women Dignity
Women Empowerment

Mission Shakti Centres

Women Power Line

- Mission Shakti Centres have been established in every police station across the state. 40,000 police personnel have been trained for their functioning.
- All women-related crime units at police stations have been brought under Mission Shakti Centres.
- Each Mission Shakti Centre has been provided with a scooter.
- After the establishment of Mission Shakti Centres, a decline in crimes was observed from September 2025 to December 2025:
- 33.92% reduction in rape cases
- 17.03% reduction in the kidnapping of women and children
- 12.96% reduction in dowry deaths
- 9.54% reduction in domestic violence
- According to the ITSSO portal, Uttar Pradesh ranks first in the country with a 98.90% disposal rate of crimes against women and children.
- Based on pendency rate, the state currently ranks first in the country with just 0.20%.
- A total of 19,839 women police personnel have been recruited and 9,172 women beats have been assigned.

Women Power Line

- Integration of Women Power Line 1090, GRP, Fire services, and Women Helpline 181.
- Anti-Romeo squads have been formed in every district.
- Formation of Women and Child Safety Organization 1090.
- In addition to women's police stations, one more police station in each district has been assigned a woman station officer.
- Three women PAC battalions have been formed, with new battalions underway in Balrampur, Jalaun, Mirzapur, Shamli, and Bijnor.
- Programs such as Mission Shakti 5.0, Operation Garud, Operation Shield, Operation Destroy, Operation Bachpan, Operation Khoj, Operation Dial, and Operation Raksha are being successfully implemented for the safety, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls.

Self-Reliance Rising: Women as wealth creators

From self-help groups to entrepreneurship, women in Uttar Pradesh are emerging as economic drivers.

Financial empowerment at scale

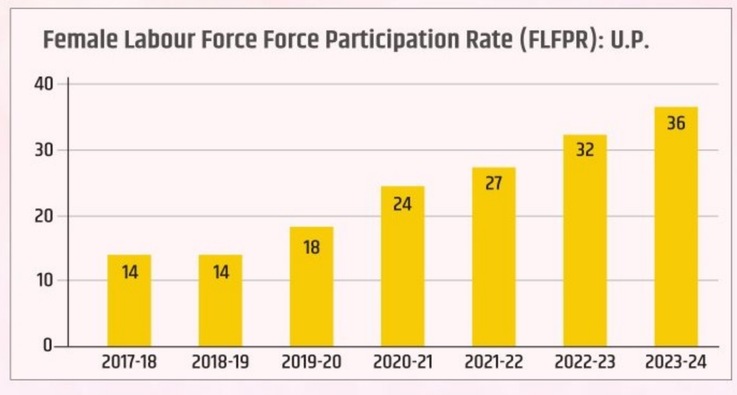
- 1.06 crore women connected through SHGs
- ₹42,711 crore transactions by BC Sakhis
- 15,409 Bijli Sakhis generating income

Lakhpati Didi Mission

- 35 lakh women identified, 18.55 lakh already achieving income milestones

Entrepreneurship ecosystem

- Interest-free capital through Mahila Udyami Credit Card
- Dedicated product marketing platforms planned



Inclusive Growth: Expanding participation

Under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh's Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) has risen to 36% in 2023-24; however, it remains 9 percentage points below the national average.

Helpline

1090	1076	102	112	1098	1930	181
Women Power Line	Chief Minister Helpline	Ambulance Helpline for Pregnant Women & Newborn	Emergency Police Service	Child Line	Cyber Helpline	Women Helpline

ADVERTORIAL

Senior Congress MLAs, who have been camping in New Delhi for three days to lobby for berths ahead of a "potential" cabinet reshuffle, took time off on Wednesday to visit Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Twelve of them, including chief whip in the Assembly Ashok M Pattan and T B Jayachandra, had darshan of Lord Ram

● Siddu raises concern over delays in approval for projects, release of funds from Centre ● Reaffirms Karnataka's commitment to cooperative federalism

CM hands over pending project list to PM, seeks urgent nod

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah handed over a comprehensive memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging immediate intervention on a wide range of pending infrastructure projects, financial allocations and policy approvals critical to the state's development.

Siddaramaiah, who welcomed the PM at HAL Airport, submitted the memorandum in person. In the memo, Siddaramaiah described the state as a key driver of India's economic growth, with strong contributions in information technology, manufacturing, agriculture and services. He reaffirmed Karnataka's commitment to cooperative federalism but raised concern over delays in approval and the release of funds by the Union government, stating that such delays have created a perception of systemic inequity.

The CM also highlighted several long-pending issues, including non-implementation of the railway coach factory in Kolar despite the state providing 1,123 acres of land, the need to include the Bengaluru-Mysuru segment in the proposed high-speed rail corridor while also initiating the Bengaluru-Mumbai high-speed rail project. He urged the Centre to expedite the release of committed funds for the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project and to clear pending dues under key schemes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, for which Karnataka is awaiting Rs 17,554 crore.

The CM also pointed out that Rs 2,860 crore in grants recommended for gram panchayats for the financial year 2025-26 and Rs 5,495 crore in revenue deficit grants remain pending. He also sought Rs 6,000 crore special grant for Bengaluru to strengthen its infrastructure and global competitiveness.

Chief Minisiter Siddaramaiah welcomes Prime Minister Narendra Modi at HAL Airport in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

"Karnataka has not received any major new national highway projects in the past 12 years despite its significant contribution to the national economy," he added.

Siddaramaiah also sought urgent approvals and support for major irrigation and water projects, including expediting appraisal of the Mekedatu Drinking Water Project, releasing Rs 5,300 crore in central assistance for the Upper Bhadra Project and granting it national project status. He stressed on issuing the gazette notification for the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II award and declaring the Upper Krishna Project as a national project. He urged the Union government to grant wildlife clearance for the Kalasa Nala Diversion Project under the Mahadayi river dispute and to ensure an equitable allocation of 40-45 tmcft of water to Karnataka under interlinking of rivers projects such as the Godavari-Cauvery and Bedthi-Varada links.

The CM raised policy and regional development concerns, requesting the inclusion of Karnataka's 56% reservation policy in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution and the inclusion of certain other backward classes in the central list of scheduled tribes. He called for dedicated financial support of Rs 5,000 crore annually for the development of the Kalyana Karnataka Region under Article 371(J), along with the establishment of at least one public sector undertaking in each district of North Karnataka. Siddaramaiah also sought expedited forest, environmental and wildlife clearances for the 2000 MW Sharavathy Pumped Storage Project and early approval for establishing an AIIMS in Raichur to improve healthcare access in the backward region.

PM says K'taka rich in both *Tatvagyan* & *Tantragyan*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged citizens to adopt nine collective pledges, including water conservation, natural farming, fitness and service, that will together help to achieve a "developed Karnataka and a developed India".

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira at the Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt in Nagamangala taluk, Modi stressed on better water management, tree plantation, cleanliness in public and religious places, support for local products through "Vocal for Local", promotion of domestic tourism, adoption of chemical-free farming and healthier diets with millets and reduced oil consumption.

Highlighting Mandya's deep connection with water, the PM said, "The people of Mandya truly understand the importance of water. This entire region has flourished under the blessings of Mother Cauvery. Therefore, my first appeal is that we all resolve to conserve water and ensure its better management."

He added that his second appeal relates to trees and nature. "Under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (One Tree in Mother's Name) campaign, millions of people have planted saplings in honor of their mothers. We, too, must plant trees in honour of our mother and pledge to protect Mother Earth. My third appeal concerns cleanliness. Whether it be a religious site, a public space, a village, or a city, maintaining cleanliness everywhere is our collective responsibility; it is our duty," he said.

"My fourth appeal is linked to Swadeshi (indigenous products) and self-reliance. Let us embrace Indian products and strengthen Indian manufacturers and industries. Let us live by the mantra of Vocal for Local. My fifth appeal is about exploring the beauty of our nation. Let us get to know our country, travel to its various corners and promote domestic tourism," he said.

He said Mandya is a land of hardworking farmers. "My sixth appeal to farmers is that they move towards chemical-free, natural farming. My seventh appeal relates to healthy dietary habits. Former PM Deve Gowda is known for popularising Ragi Mudde. This entire region understands the significance of Ragi. The younger generation, too, should incorporate millets into their diet. Obesity is emerging as a major challenge in our country. To combat obesity, please also make an effort to reduce the oil content in your food by 10 per cent. My eighth appeal concerns Yoga, sports and fitness. We should all make these an integral part of our lives. My ninth appeal is linked to the spirit of service, a spirit that you are consistently demonstrating through your actions," he said.

Modi said Shri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt operates on nine core principles -- Anna (food), Akshara (education), Arogya (healthcare), Adhyatma (spirituality), Ashraya (shelter), Aranya (forestry), Aakalu (cattle care), Anukampa (compassion) and Anubandha (community bonding). It is in this very spirit that the PM placed before people nine specific areas where they can all come together to undertake a collective resolve.

"Serving the needy strengthens society; it imbues your life with a greater purpose. If we all move forward on these nine appeals with sincerity and resolve, we can accelerate our progress towards a developed Karnataka and a developed India," he said.

Modi said Karnataka is rich in both Tatvagyan (philosophy) and Tantragyan (technology). "That is to say, both the depth of philosophical wisdom and the power of technology coexist here. Spiritual centres such as the Sri Adi Chunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt are a magnificent gift from this great land. Through the mediums of philosophy, spirituality and moral values, this institution provides direction to society. Dr Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji firmly believed that quality healthcare should not be the exclusive privilege of a select few, but rather should be accessible to every single citizen. Today, our government is also working in alignment with this very vision. Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, millions of poor people have received free medical treatment in hospitals. We have also extended this scheme to cover all senior citizens aged 70 and above, ensuring that they can access vital healthcare facilities with dignity," he said.

On the occasion, Modi released the books 'Soundarya Lahari' and 'Shiva Mahima Stotram' with 42 verses.

Paramatmananda Swamiji, former PM HD Deve Gowda, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje, Agriculture and District Minister N Chaluvanarayanaswamy were present.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda at Adichunchanagiri mutt in Mandya district on Wednesday. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje and others look on | UDAYASHANKAR S

Bypoll aftermath: Cong suspends Jabbar

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Davanagere

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar on Wednesday suspended MLC Abdul Jabbar from the primary membership of the party.

In a letter addressed to Jabbar, the KPCC president said the action has been initiated in view of his anti-party activities during the recent by-election in Davanagere South.

Jabbar, a three-time MLC, had sought the party ticket for Davanagere South. It is alleged that Jabbar supported other candidates in the fray during the elections.

Speaking to *TNIE* Jabbar said he would react after receiving the suspension letter.

"The reason for my suspension will be quoted in the letter which will be handed over to me and on the basis of the letter I am going to respond to the party and the media," he said.

He asked the party leadership to provide the video which has been cited for his anti-party activity. During the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Shamanur Shivashankarappa had urged voters at a programme in Shivamogga to elect BJP's BY Raghavendra. Isn't it anti-party activity, and why no action was initiated against him, he questioned.

"Only those who can become easy prey are targeted and in this case I have been made the scapegoat," he said. He added that the Congress would retain the Davanagere South constituency in the by-election.

On March 15, Jabbar had held a press conference and said he would contest the Davanagere South bypolls. He also requested the party leadership to give him the ticket and an opportunity to become an MLA, even if for two years.

Later he said that if he is not considered for the ticket, anyone either from minority or OBC communities be given the ticket.

In Davanagere, Jabbar's supporters came out against the MLC's suspension and urged the KPCC president to withdraw the decision.

They said that Jabbar is a staunch Congress worker and has not worked against the party. Questioning his integrity is wrong, they said.

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Abdul Jabbar, MLC

I did not go to Kerala to have fun but to work. If I switched off my cell phone and went on holiday, it would be wrong. I travelled 350 km a day to campaign in Kerala. I went adhering to the top brass's decision

Zameer Ahmed Khan, Housing Minister

Will Zameer face axe? Siddu backing, Kerala campaign may save him

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AFTER two heads rolled in the ruling Congress in the aftermath of the April 9 Davanagere South bypolls, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appears to be trying his best to safeguard his staunch loyalist, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan. Zameer's extensive campaign for the Congress-led UDF candidates in the Kerala Assembly polls is also likely to save his skin.

As Muslims were left perplexed following the sacking of MLC Naseer Ahmed as the CM's political secretary and another MLC K Abdul Jabbar suspended from the party's primary membership, Siddaramaiah, an AHINDA champion, rushed for damage control.

If any action is initiated against Zameer now, it would damage the image of Siddaramaiah among Muslims which is why the latter is apparently trying to protect the minister, according to sources.Any action against Zameer depends on the results that will be declared on May 4, they added.

The CM had summoned Horticulture Minister S S Mallikarjun, Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad, chief whip in the council Saleem Ahmed and Shiggaon MLA Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan to his residence here on Wednesday and held deliberations. The meeting was to make them reconcile with Zameer who was facing charges of anti-party activities during the bypolls to defeat the party candidate Samarth Shamanuru, son of Mallikarjun. Mallikarjun was worried about a major chunk of Muslim votes going against his son.

On Tuesday, Zameer gave his explanation to Siddaramaiah following which the latter suggested that he convince the party high command. Zameer is likely to take recourse in his extensive campaigning for UDF candidates in the Kerala Assembly polls adhering to the high command's diktat.

On Wednesday, Zameer met MLC Naseer Ahmed and held deliberations. "I am saddened by what happened to Naseer. I did not go to Kerala to have fun but to work. If I switched off my cell phone and went on holiday, it would be wrong.I travelled 350 km a day to campaign in Kerala. I went to work adhering to the high command's decision," Zameer told reporters. He said he will also meet DCM and KPCC President D K Shivakumar and discuss the matter.

MURDER CASE

KULKARNI STARES AT BLEAK POL FUTURE AFTER CONVICTION

MLA breaks down in B'luru court after verdict

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DHARWAD MLA Vinay Rajashekarappa Kulkarni is likely to be disqualified after his conviction in connection with the murder of former zilla panchayat member Yogesh Gowda. Kulkarni, a former minister, was a strong contender for a ministerial berth in the potential reshuffle of the cabinet.

But the sentence in the murder case is likely to put an end to his political aspirations. The court will pronounce the quantum of punishment on Thursday following which the Assembly Speaker would take a call on the disqualification. A by-election is on the cards.

As per the section 8(3) of the Representation of People Act (RPA), 1951, a sentence of at least two years in a crime case results in disqualification. The disqualification lasts for the duration of the sentence and six additional years following Kulkarni's release. So, he would not be able to contest any election for six years after the completion of the prison sentence.

He can move the High Court and the Supreme Court with a writ petition. But a mere stay on the sentence or bail is insufficient; a higher court must stay the conviction itself to avoid disqualification, as per the Act. In Karwar MLA Satish Sail's case the High Court had suspended his conviction and sentence of seven years in six cases. It has also directed that as per section 151 of Representation of People Act (RPA), 1951, that by-election should not be notified until the outcome of his appeal against the trial court's conviction and sentence. The Speaker did not disqualify him.

In Gangavathi MLA Gali Janardhan Reddy's case the Speaker disqualified him in May, 2025, following his conviction in the illegal mining case but withdrew the same following the Telangana High Court suspending the conviction in June, 2025. It is to be seen whether Kulkarni gets his conviction suspended from the higher courts the same way.

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MLA **Vinay Kulkarni** (57) had arrived in court with his family members and supporters. Between 3pm and 5.30pm, he was seated outside the courtroom and was calm and confident about the judgment. The courtroom was tightly packed with advocates, supporters and family members.

However, after entering the courtroom and hearing the verdict, the MLA broke down. He hugged his three children who were present in court. The other accused also appeared panicky, while their family members waiting outside looked worried.

PERJURY CASE

The court also directed the City Civil Court registrar to initiate perjury proceedings under Section 340 of the CrPC against police officers Shivananda Chalavadi and Babu Katagi, as well as Shankaragouda Basanagouda Patil and other independent witnesses, including Dr Dattatreya Gudaganti, Anand Irappa Uddannavar, Vinayaka Binjiyavar, Mohan Echarappa Mulmuttal, Vivekananda Dalawai, Natraj Sari Desai and Vijay Kulkarni. The court also gave liberty to the prosecution to file an application seeking sanction to prosecute approver-turned-witness Shivanand Shrishaila Biradar, who had turned hostile before the court.

THE CASE

BJP leader Yogesh Goudar, a Dharwad ZP member, was murdered on June 15, 2016. A group of assailants hacked him to death after throwing chilli powder on his face, at a gym in Saptapur, Dharwad.

Following initial investigation, police filed a chargesheet against six persons in September 2016. The trial based on this chargesheet was conducted between 2017 and 2019. However, in 2019, the then BJP government handed over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for further probe. In 2020, the CBI arrested Kulkarni and filed a chargesheet against 21 persons, including him, citing 113 witnesses; Kulkarni was named accused No. 15.

The trial began on April 1, 2021, and continued for five years. During this period, the court examined witnesses, questioned the accused, and reviewed technical reports. The CBI stated in its chargesheet that Kulkarni was the conspirator behind the murder, allegedly driven by political rivalry with Yogesh Goudar, and that he had hired contract killers to eliminate him. The MLA was nursing a grudge against Goudar, who had turned down Kulkarni's request to step back from contesting the ZP election in 2016.

In August 2021, Kulkarni was granted bail by the Supreme Court. However, in June 2025, the apex court cancelled his bail after finding material related to witness tampering and attempts to influence prosecution witnesses. He was granted bail by the SC in February 2026.

OTHERS CONVICTED

Vikram Bellary, Kirthi Kumar Basavar Kurahatti, Sandeep Saudatti, Vinayaka Katagi, Mahabaleshwar Hongal alias Muduka, Santhosh Saudatti, Dinesh M, Ashwath, Sunil, Nazeer Ahmed, Shahanawaz, Nuthan, Harshith, Chandrashekar Indi, Vikas Kalburgi, Channakeshava B Tingarikar.

Centre delayed census as failures will get exposed: Min

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THE Centre has delayed the census to avoid exposing the real social and economic impact of its governance, said IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge on Wednesday, while questioning the urgency of pushing delimitation and the Women's Reservation Bill without updated data. He said such reforms must be based on a fresh census to ensure fairness, transparency and balanced representation across regions.

He claimed that the census, which was due in 2021, has been delayed deliberately, arguing that it could expose the "real social and economic impact" of governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past decade. "The failures will be exposed, which is why the census has not been conducted," he alleged.

Kharge questioned how justice can be ensured for schedule caste, scheduled tribes, other backward classes and other communities, particularly women, without reliable data. "Policy decisions must be data-driven. Without a census, how will you decide who gets what share?" he said.

Alleging a lack of transparency, the minister said even BJP MPs and stakeholders are unaware of the contents of the proposed Women's Reservation Bill or the framework for delimitation.

The minister demanded that the Centre first place the draft in the public domain and allow consultations.

Raising concerns over federal balance, he warned that delimitation without updated data could skew parliamentary representation in favour of certain regions, potentially sidelining southern states.

A 21-year-old elephant that trampled a farmer, at Kanaguppe village in Belur taluk, Mysuru was captured on Wednesday. The elephant ran amok and collapsed in a coffee estate. The forest officials have transported the elephant to the Nagarahole Elephant Camp

AHINDA ISSUES GETTING SIDELINED IN SIDDU'S 2ND TERM?

CM loyalists say emergence of power centres have tied his hands; SC leaders divided over issue of internal quota

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HAS Chief Minister Siddaramaiah failed to handle the issues concerning AHINDA communities during his ongoing second term?

Even his loyalists, such as former minister H Anjaneya, have admitted the change in his style of action compared to his first term.

They say the emergence of many power centres have tied the CM's his hands.

The developments with regard to the Davanagere South bypolls in which the Muslims, including their leaders, were divided over the issue of party ticket for the community's member indicate that loyalty is also divided among Siddaramiah, DCM DK Shivakumar and the party high command, observed political analysts.

In the run up to the 2028 Assembly polls the CM cannot be a binding force as the Muslims are likely to get split between the parties making the going difficult for the Congress, they added.

Meanwhile, the SC community leaders within the Congress are also divided over the issue of internal quota. The ministers hailing from the SC right caste, including Dr G Parameshwara, Dr HC Mahadevappa and Priyank Kharge, and those from the left including KH Muniyappa and R B Thimmapur allegedly have a difference of opinion. The SC Bhovi and Lambani leaders are opposing the implementation of the internal quota as per the Justice H N Nahamohan Das commission report as it has tweaked it to allot 6% each to right and left castes and the remaining 5% to others.

As the government is prepared to fill 56,432 vacancies as per the old quota of 15 per cent, without internal quota, it faced the ire of SC left caste members and a section of them allegedly campaigned against the Congress during the bypolls to Davangere South and Bagalakot.

Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah also allegedly failed to implement the Kantharaju Commission's Socio Economic Education and Educational survey report as the party high command intervened and suggested a fresh survey.

According to sources he is likely to release the new survey conducted by the State Backward Classes Commission soon after the results of the five states' assemblies and the bypolls are declared on May 4.

In the 2028 Assembly polls the AHINDA as a force is unlikely to be relevant as Siddaramaiah may not be the CM face of the party, according to analysts. The BJP which had raised the issues related to the alleged scam in the MUDA and multicrore scam in Maharshi Valmiki ST Corporation is likely to harp on the issues of Siddaramaiah's alleged failure to address the issues related to the Backward Classes and the SC/STs.

CM Siddaramaiah with Minister for Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi, Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad and others during a book release event on Kannada Samarasya Nelegalu at Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday | EXPRESS

FOR NEGLIGENCE

Doctor booked after woman dies post tubectomy

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A case of causing death by negligence was registered against a doctor by Ramanagara Town police, in connection with the death of a 21-year-old woman who had undergone a laparoscopic tubectomy at a medical camp. The woman had died of severe complications following the surgery. After the woman's death, police had registered a case of suspicious death based on a complaint from her husband in March 2025.

A case was registered against the doctor following a report from the Directorate of Medical Education on KR Road, which stated that the woman's death was due to medical negligence.

The FIR was registered against Dr MV Ramakrishnaiah, working in a hospital on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road. The complaint was filed by police sub-inspector Syed Tanveer Hussain of Ramanagara Town police station on Monday, based on the report from the Directorate of Medical Education.

Madhuri (21) had undergone a laparoscopic tubectomy at a medical camp in Ramanagara Government Hospital on March 19, 2025. She was asked to come for another surgery on March 24. However, the day after the surgery, she developed severe health complications and was admitted to KR Hospital in Mysuru. She died at 10.32am on March 26, 2025. Suspecting medical negligence behind Madhuri's death, her husband K Anil Kumar, a resident of Vijayanagar in Ramanagara, filed a complaint at Ramanagara Town police station. A case of unnatural death was registered.

"After the postmortem, the viscera was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), and the FSL report was sent to the Directorate of Medical Education for a final report. The report stated that medical negligence on part of the doctor conducting laparoscopic tubectomy cannot be ruled out. Based on the final report, the FIR was registered against the doctor. The case is still under investigation and the doctor has not yet been arrested," said an officer.

The case was registered under section 106(1) of BNS.

Details of the report

Madhuri, wife of Anil Kumar, died due to hollow viscus perforation consequent to laparoscopic tubectomy procedure. Hollow viscus perforation is a complication of laparoscopy procedure. However, the operating doctor of laparoscopic tubectomy has failed to recognise/ anticipate/ diagnose the condition at the earliest and rectify the same, which could have saved the life of woman. In view of the above observations, medical negligence on the part of doctor attending laparoscopic tubectomy cannot be ruled out.

7-yr-old killed as drunk driver rams procession

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A major mishap happened at Bilikal village on Tuesday night when a drunken car driver ploughed through the crowd of processionists participating in the Ambedkar Jayanthi procession, leading to the killing of a 7 year old girl on the spot.

The deceased girl is identified as Sanvi. Seven persons have been seriously injured and have been shifted to the Hasan Medical college. 11-year-old Nischit, Trupti, Usha, Chetan, Srishti and Nagaraj are among the injured.

Locals thrashed car driver Sudhakar while another occupant in the car is said to be absconding. The injured driver has been shifted to the District hospital. An irate crowd smashed the car's windows. Tension prevailed before the district hospital. People became restless when they learnt that the driver was being transferred to a private hospital.

More than 50 policemen were deployed and they struggled hard to bring the situation under control. ASP Jayakumar tried to pacify the mob. Parents and the public expressed grief. The ASP appealed to the mob to return to their homes while promising stringent action on the wrongdoer. A case has been registered at the rural police station.

STIR FOR JOBS

Members of Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society stage a protest demanding job regularisation and other benefits at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDAR BYRAPPA

KALABURAGI SIZZLES AT 42°CELSIUS AS HEAT WAVE GRIPS N KARNATAKA

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

AURAD Hobli in Kalaburagi taluk recorded a scorching 45°C on April 15, marking the highest temperature in Karnataka, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) data.

Apart from Aurad, several other hoblis in the region also experienced extreme heat. Ainapur hobli in Chincholi taluk and Atanur hobli in Afzalpur taluk recorded 44.3°C each, while Madana Hipparga hobli in Aland taluk reported 44.1°C. In neighbouring districts, Santpur hobli in Aurad taluk of Bidar touched 44.4°C, Dabaka hobli in Kamalanagara taluk recorded 44.1°C, and Gurgunta hobli in Lingsugur taluk of Raichur registered 44.2°C.

The KSNDMC weather monitoring network reported widespread high temperatures across the state.

Women cover their heads to beat the extreme heat | EXPRESS

Kalaburagi district recorded 24 locations above 42°C, followed by 22 in Raichur, 18 in Bidar, 14 in Vijayapura, 11 in Yadgir, and seven in Bagalkot. Additionally, two locations each in Ballari, Gadag, Koppal, and Uttara Kannada, and one location each in Belagavi, Chitradurga, Haveri, and Vijayanagar districts also crossed the 42°C mark.

The KSNDMC has forecast heat wave or hot day conditions in one or two pockets of north interior Karnataka between April 15 and 19. Coastal Karnataka is also expected to experience hot and humid conditions during the same period.

In response, the Kalaburagi district administration has issued an 'Orange Heat Wave Alert' from April 15 to 17 and released guidelines advising the public on precautions to minimise heat-related risks. Meanwhile, concerns have been raised over traffic enforcement practices amid the extreme weather. Reports highlighted instances where traffic police, equipped with air-cooled helmets, were seen penalising riders without helmets at busy junctions like SVP Circle. Residents have questioned the lack of measures such as switching off traffic signals during peak heat hours to reduce discomfort for commuters.

EXPRESS READ

Teen boy electrocuted while playing cricket in M'luru

MANGALURU: A 15-year-old boy was electrocuted at Mahakalipadpu while playing cricket with his friends. The deceased has been identified as Varun (15), son of Kannana Gowda, resident of Mahakalipadpu. Varun and his friends were playing near Adhimaheshwari Bhajana Mandir when the cricket ball landed on the roof of Bhajana Mandir and Varun climbed the roof to pick up the ball, and came into contact with a live electricity wire. Varun had completed his SSLC board examination and was studying at Cascia School Mangaldevi. His father runs a canteen at Mahakalipadpu. An UDR case has been registered at Pandeshwara Police Station under section 194 of BNS 2023.

Institute set up to provide hands-on surgical training

BENGALURU: In a significant step towards advancing surgical education through structured, simulation-led learning, the Global Surgical Institute (GSI) was launched to enhance hands-on surgical training in line with evolving global practises. The GSI has been established as a multi-specialty training facility focused on skill development through simulation before real world clinical exposure, aiming to support surgeons building both technical proficiency and confidence through a structured learning pathway. Healthcare Global Enterprises Chairman and CEO Dr B S Ajaikuamar said, "Simulation-based learning offers an opportunity to enhance surgical preparedness by allowing clinicians to refine their skills in a structured environment."

Ambedkar theme park to come up in Mysuru: Min

MYSURU: Social Welfare and District In-charge Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa announced that an Ambedkar-themed park will be developed in Ilavala Hobli of Mysuru taluk to showcase the life, struggles, achievements, and ideologies of Dr BR Ambedkar. Speaking at a meeting with district-level officials held at the Zilla Panchayat hall, the minister said that around 10 acres of land have already been reserved for the project. He directed officials to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) along with a comprehensive blueprint and funding requirements for establishing the theme park or museum. Highlighting Mysuru's prominence as a historic tourist destination, the minister said the theme park should be innovative and attract a large number of visitors.

Forum distributes compost to farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AS part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Greater Bengaluru IT Companies & Industries Association (GBITCIA) will buy compost from Karnataka State Compost Development Corporation (KCDCL) and distribute it free to farmers. GBITCIA signed an MoU with KCDCL here on Wednesday and termed the move a significant step towards sustainable agriculture and increasing soil fertility.

Representatives from GBITCIA said they regularly purchase quality compost produced by KCDCL and distribute it free to farmers in and around Bengaluru Rural and adjacent Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts. As part of the initiative, compost was distributed to some farmers symbolically on Wednesday.

It is a step towards improving soil health and sustainable agriculture as per Karnataka Vision 2030, said AN Nataraj Gowda, KCDCL president. He said that converting organic waste into compost reduces the burden on landfills and contributes to effective waste management. "By using nutrient-rich compost, the organic carbon content in soil will be enhanced, and improve soil structure, its moisture holding capacity and boost microbial activity," he said.

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Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

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No. DDW/WD.II/ASW/F.24-E/02/2026-27, Dated : 13.04.2026

1) The last date online submission is **20.04.2026 upto 15.00 hrs.**
2) The date & time of opening of online tender is **21.04.2026 after 15.30 hrs.** in the office of the Superintending Engineer (DW), C.O.-I, D.D.W., Altinho, Panaji, Goa.

For more details please contact the office of the Executive Engineer, W.D.II, DDW, Porvorim, Goa.

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COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS
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Vacancy Notification No. CLE/EDR/2026 dated 16th April 2026 for the post of
Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports

Council for Leather Exports invites application for the post of **"Executive Director" to be posted in Delhi / Chennai** in the pay scale of 7th CPC Pay Matrix in Level 12 on Direct recruitment / deputation/ internal candidates/ Contract basis from retired Govt. Officers.

Detailed eligibility criteria is given in Council's website https://leatherindia.org under VACANCY heading. The application form is also given in the aforesaid website.

Interested eligible candidates may send the duly signed and scanned copy of the application, along with all required documents as per prescribed format by email to chairman@cleindia.com within 30 days of release of this advertisement and submit hard copies by courier/ post to the following address with the caption **APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** in the envelope.

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The parties/persons empanelled will be responsible to help the Bank in its recovery efforts and to effect recovery of the dues of the Bank from the borrowers/ guarantors. The empanelled agents will be paid commission/consideration which will be a percentage of the recovery effected apart from reimbursement of certain prescribed expenses. The terms and conditions will be intimated on case-to-case basis to the Agent and no correspondence in writing will be entertained as to the fate of empanelment.

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Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011

No.EE/MI&GWD/BNG/AE-5/01/2026-27/1101 Dated : 15.04.2026

Tender Notification

On the behalf of the Hon'ble of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P with latest amendments, Item wise tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A: 4702-MOT from the eligible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD. For further details, visit website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Name of the work: Constriction of drain near tirumale halla joining Bhargavathi Lake from the Magadi Gourammana Tank Waste weir in Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District- Call 2.

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EMD: **(In Rupees) : Rs.6,02,500/-**
Period of Completion: 11 Months including Monsoon,

(1) Tender will be published through KPP Portal on Dated: **15.04.2026 at 16.00 Hours, (2)** Last date of queries: **14.05.2026 at 15.00 Hours, (3)** Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time: **28.04.2026 at 15.00 Hours (4)** Last date for Receipt to Tenders on Dated :**14.05.2026 at 16.30 Hours (5)** Technical Bid will be opened on Dated : **16.05.2026 at 11.30 Hours (6)** Financial Bid will be opened on Dated : **After Approval of Technical Bid.**

Conditions: 1) Term and Conditions and other details may be obtained through kppp portal at the website address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Tenders are advisied to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause KW- 4 of ITT in Standard Tender document.**3)** Bidder should qoute the rates Excluding GST. **4)** Rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of any or all Tenders.

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"ದಿನಾಂಕ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ"

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A 25-year-old woman from the Jenu Kuruba tribal community was injured in an elephant attack in HD Kote on Wednesday. Around 15 women went to collect firewood near Adukuppe Lake when the elephant charged at them. While the others managed to flee, Jyoti fell and the elephant trampled her, piercing her rib cage with its tusk and causing severe injuries

Experts flag gap in vet training as human-animal conflict rises

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI
@ Shivamogga

AS human–wildlife conflict in Karnataka rises sharply, concerns grow over whether veterinary doctors have the expertise to treat wild animals. Veterinary professionals and faculty from colleges have responded that existing training and skills are insufficient for handling wildlife cases effectively.

In two widely reported incidents, trainee veterinarian Samiksha Reddy entered an enclosure to treat a hippopotamus at Tyavarekoppa Sanctuary, lost her life during the attempt, and the animal also died within a month after losing its unborn calf.

The BVSc curriculum spans five years, followed by a six-month internship. Veterinary medicine addresses animal health, nutrition, veterinary medicine, surgery, production, and disease management. But sources said no veterinary doctors in the country are being trained to handle wildlife, because the curriculum focuses on herbivorous livestock and domestic companion animals.

"Most of what we understand about behaviour— both herbivores and carnivores — is derived from domestic species that live alongside humans, such as cattle and carnivorous animals like dogs and cats," opined veterinary experts on condition of anonymity.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Dr Prakash, dean of the Veterinary College, Shivamogga, stated that the existing syllabus does not include any subject or module on how to manage wildlife — how to study their diet and movement patterns, and how to administer treatment appropriately. However, in multiple zoos and wildlife sanctuaries across the state, veterinarians are reportedly treating wild animals

on a contract basis.

Earlier, zoo and safari authorities primarily relied on specialists to conduct post-mortem and to determine the cause of death. Their services were also used to dart wildlife for relocation when severe human–wildlife conflicts erupted. In many cases, this approach was used for elephants and, particularly, for the shifting of leopards—often because their numbers are comparatively higher.

Professors argue that, in foreign countries, it is zoologists who work with veterinarians, after both groups develop specialist expertise in wildlife-related fields.

"Even in our universities, zoology students study general aspects such as physiology and anatomy, but they are not trained specifically for wildlife," said a zoology professor on condition of anonymity.

The Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy trains Indian Forest Service probationers, preparing them to conserve the nation's forests and wildlife.

"Veterinarians can address minor health issues in wildlife. There is an urgent need to provide high-level training to veterinarians in wildlife medicine. Major changes are also expected in the revised veterinary medicine curriculum to be introduced in 2026," said Dr Prakash N. Doctors and professors are hopeful that experts from the Veterinary Council will examine the issue seriously and take corrective action.

Elephant herd driven back into forest after 3-hour op in Kodagu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Madikeri

A herd of at least 11 wild elephants that had strayed into private estates was successfully driven back into the forest in the Maldare region after a coordinated operation lasting over three hours on Wednesday.

More than 30 forest personnel participated, during which the elephants moved through coffee estates before being guided back into the forest. The drive was led by Range Forest Officer (RFO) Sachin and carried out under the supervision of Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Gopal.

The operation began early in the morning across Nellihudikeri and Arekadu areas, following repeated complaints from villagers about increased elephant movement and crop damage.

Forest staff from the Kushalnagar used firecrackers to steer them away. The presence of calves in the herd made the task more challenging. Despite the difficulties, the team eventually succeeded in driving the herd back into the Maldare forest area.

A herd of elephants being chased into the Maldare Forest in Kodagu district

However, farmers expressed concern over the method used, stating that such chasing operations often lead to greater crop damage. "The chasing drives sometimes cause more destruction as the elephants run in panic through the estates," said M Salim, a grower from the region. They have urged the forest department to adopt more scientific and sustainable methods to manage the situation.

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• Condition of house
Others:
• Main Cereal consumed
• Mobile number (Only for Census communication)
Basic information about family:
• Number of family members
• Name, sex, caste of the head of the family (SC/ST or others
• Ownership status of the house
• Number of rooms
• Number of married couples living in the house
Amenities:
• Source of drinking water
• Availability of drinking water source
• Main source of lighting
• Access to latrine
• Type of latrine
• Waste water outlet
• Bathroom facilities
• Kitchen & LPG/PNG connection
• Main fuel used for cooking
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HC seeks state's response on safaris in tiger reserves

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday issued notice to the state government and sought its response on a public interest litigation filed against the recommendation of the technical committee to restart safari in tiger reserves.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha said

the state has to file the affidavit indicating the zones earmarked for conducting safaris, particularly setting out whether zones have been earmarked and file a map of the area, as well as the zones in which the safaris are conducted. Directing to submit the details in two weeks, the court adjourned the hearing of the petition to July 7.

The petitioner, one V Ravikumar from Mysuru, has not only challenged the recommendation dated February 21 made by the technical committee, but also prayed the court to impose permanent ban on tiger safaris within the notified critical tiger habitats across the state, ensuring all such activities are moved to non-forest land in buffer areas as per the ruling of the apex court in the Godavarman case. He also sought for a direction to conduct a judicial enquiry into the technical committee recommendation, which contradicts the mandate of the Supreme Court.

The petitioner pointed out that there was a spate of fatal attacks in October and November 2025 in Nagarhole and Bandipur tiger reserves, which created environmental tensions among the local farming community in the forest fringe villages. In the wake of these events, all safaris in the national park were banned. The State Board for Wildlife, allegedly under political pressure and lobby, set up a technical committee which recommended restarting the safari.

Based on the recommendation of the technical committee, safaris are now being permitted up to 50 percent capacity, the petitioner alleged.

Gaganyatris now set for extreme heat trials

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AFTER completing high-altitude analogue tests in Leh, the four astronauts selected for the Gaganyaan mission will soon undergo another round of simulations in the Rann of Kutch. The tests are being designed to study how astronauts will live and work in space during the Gaganyaan mission scheduled for 2027 and at the Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS), expected to be operational by 2035.

The Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) under ISRO has provided Gujarat-based space research firm Aaka Space with a set of parameters to be tested by astronauts and researchers ahead of the missions. The upcoming tests will expose astronauts to extreme heat conditions, and specialised analogue extravehicular activity (EVA) suits are being developed for the exercise.

HSFC Director DK Singh said, "Aaka has an analog habitat which will be used. We have given our objective specifications that must be included."

From April 2 to 9, 2026, astronauts Group Captains Shubhanshu Shukla, Prashanth B Nair, Angad Pratap Singh and Ajit Krishnan underwent analogue tests in Leh to measure performance, adaptability and behavioural parameters. The exercise — Mission MITRA — was ISRO's first analogue mission as part of human spaceflight preparations.

In Leh, endurance was tested in temperatures as low as –11°C to –15°C. In Kutch, astronauts will face temperatures exceeding 50°C.

Aastha Jhala, founder of Aaka Space, said, "We built a 40×90-foot container habitat similar to a space station, with a utility room, laboratory and hygiene centre. ISRO has also given specific requirements relevant to future lunar missions. Bioregenerative food modules, exercise systems and biometric features are being developed for space compatibility. We recently conducted a 3D-printed Mars radiation shield test to support future human habitation beyond Earth."

ISRO had partnered with Bengaluru-based Protoplanet Pvt Ltd for the Leh analogue mission. The company is now expanding its Himalayan Outpost for Planetary Exploration (HOPE) centre at an altitude of 4,500 metres for ISRO's next analogue mission later this year.

Siddharth Pandey, founder-director of Protoplanet, said the Mission MITRA setup was located an hour from Leh to ensure astronaut safety. "Ladakh is unique because temperatures change rapidly over short distances, making it an ideal location for space mission training," he said.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday declined to entertain a petition challenging the preventive detention of YouTuber and journalist Savukku Shankar under the Tamil Nadu Goondas Act, directing the petitioner to approach the Madras High Court for relief

Implement menstrual leave policy: K'taka HC tells govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the state government to implement the existing menstrual leave policy "strictly and faithfully", pending formal enactment of the proposed legislation -- the Karnataka Menstrual Leave and Hygiene Bill, 2025.

"Upon such enactment, the state shall, without undue delay, frame appropriate rules so as to give full and meaningful effect to the statutory mandate. In the interregnum, it shall be incumbent upon the state to ensure effective operationalisation of the policy through the issuance of suitable guidelines, circulars and administrative instructions, as may be necessary to secure its uniform, consistent and rigorous implementation across all sectors," the court ordered.

Justice M Nagaprasanna pronounced the verdict, which was reserved at the Dharwad Bench of the High Court, after hearing the petition filed by a 41-year-old woman hotel worker, Chandravva Hanamant Gokavi from Belagavi district, seeking directions for the implementation of the 2025 policy that mandates registered establishments to grant one-day leave per month to women employees, aged between 18 and 52 years, during their menstrual cycle.

The verdict came amid a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the menstrual leave policy, which were pending for adjudication before another single judge of the high court.

Discussing in detail the problems faced by menstruating women at the workplace and the menstrual policy adopted by other states and countries across the globe, Justice Nagaprasanna stated that broadly understood, the unorganised sectors may be classified into two categories. First, enterprises owned by individuals or self-employed persons, engaging fewer than 10 workers and second, daily wage labourers, who remain outside the purview of the said government orders. These distinctions are indicative of the necessity for the state to adopt a more inclusive and responsive approach. Therefore, it becomes incumbent upon the state to undertake comprehensive measures aimed at sensitising all sectors, both organised and unorganised, the judge noted.

The judge also said while organised sectors may be regulated through government orders and legislative intervention, the unorganised sector requires a more facilitative mechanism. However, beyond regulatory frameworks, what remains imperative is a sustained and pervasive effort to sensitise all segments of society, reaching every corner of the state to foster awareness, empathy and compliance, he said.

Disposing of the petition, the court observed that the state ought not to be deterred or constrained by misplaced apprehensions founded upon a superficial invocation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. "Men and women stand equal in the eyes of the law; yet, they are biologically distinct. To acknowledge such differences, particularly in matters concerning health, dignity and bodily autonomy, is not to transgress the guarantee of equality, but to give it substantive meaning," he said.

Advocate Deeksha N Amrutesh, appearing for the petitioner, justified the policy of the state. Additional Advocate General, Prathima Honnapura, appearing for the state, placed a detailed statement lending full support to the policy enunciated by the government.

DELIMITATION ROW DEEPENS

Stalin calls for black flag protest

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin campaigns for DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance candidates in Dharmapuri on Wednesday | EXPRESS

TVK chief Vijay during a roadshow ahead of TN polls at Valluvarkottam, in Chennai | P JAWAHAR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday exhorted the people of the state to hoist black flags atop their homes and at public places on Thursday to express their Opposition to the Centre's move to introduce the delimitation Bill in Parliament.

The DMK president termed the Centre's proposal a "great historical injustice" to Tamil Nadu and other southern states and warned the BJP-led Centre of consequences and a "heavy price" if it did not heed to TN's voice. "As DMK president, and above all as a self-respecting Tamil, I am warning once again," he said.

After chairing an emergency meeting of party MPs and district secretaries through video conference on Wednesday, Stalin said, "The sword that hung over our heads has now descended upon us." "The DMK is reaching out to MPs across states and devising a coordinated strategy to counter this grave danger", he said.

In a post on X, Stalin asked, "Is this a punishment to Tamil Nadu and other southern states for the crime of having toiled for India's growth? Every south Indian living south of the Vindhyas is seething with anger," he said. "It is about protecting the rights of our people," he said, appealing to all parties and MPs across the country to join hands. Meanwhile, DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran, who met reporters in Chennai, said that the women's reservation bill is being used as an excuse to strip the southern states of proportionate representation in Parliament.

DMK allies, including CPI, CPM and MDMK, have extended support to the black flag protest. The parties have appealed to their cadres and people at large to participate in the protest to resist the move to undermine the state's rights.

Kerala CM questions Centre's move

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KERALA Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday expressed concerns over the Centre's proposed delimitation exercise, alleging that it could undermine the federal structure and adversely affect states like Kerala.

In a statement, Vijayan said the Bill proposed to be introduced in a special session of Parliament, based on the 2011 Census, would significantly affect the rights of states and the principle of equitable justice.

He said it was also worrying that the Centre was proceeding on such a crucial issue without arriving at a consensus with the states. According to the Chief Minister, there is a widespread concern that the move is aimed at converting the political dominance of northern states, based on population, into increased Lok Sabha seats, thereby securing long-term political power.

"States like Kerala will be directly affected by this. States that have acted responsibly by advancing in population control, education, healthcare, and women's empowerment are being penalised. Reduced representation and a lower share cannot be considered a just federal arrangement," he said.

He said the message that "controlling population leads to loss, while failing to control it brings gains" is dangerous for the country's democratic direction.

REVANTH GIVES NOD TO FILLING OF NOMINATED POSTS

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister **A Revanth Reddy** has reportedly decided to fill the nominated posts in the coming day. According to sources, the decision was taken during a meeting the chief minister had with TPCC president Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC state in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan here on Wednesday. The meeting, which lasted for about four hours, discussed various issues pertaining to governance and the party affairs, including filling nominated posts and party positions. The Congress leaders also discussed the Union government's proposal on delimitation of constituencies, Women's Reservation Bill and other national issues. While deciding to fill the vacant nominated posts, the meeting also finalised the names to appoint chairpersons in various federations in the state. If sources are to be believed, the government in all likelihood will issue orders appointing chairpersons of federations within the next two days. Focus on filling party organisational posts The matters discussed during the meeting were appointment of Congress working presidents, secretaries and other organisational posts. **ENS**

Gelatin blast kills four, injures 22 in Andhra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Anantapur

A powerful explosion at Kummaravandlapalli village in Kadiri mandal of Sri Sathya Sai district claimed four lives and injured at least 22 people on Wednesday afternoon.

The explosion, suspected to have been caused by explosives stored for quarry operations, destroyed three houses and damaged nearby structures, plunging the village into grief.

Kadiri DSP J Shiva Narayanaswamy said the deceased were identified as Durgam Mabunni (50), P Viswanatha Reddy (55), and T Madhusudan (45), all residents of Kummaravandlapalli, and Syed Aslam Basha (50) of Masanampeta. "One of the injured, Ashok, is in a critical condition, while the rest are stable and undergoing treatment at hospitals," the DSP said.

Preliminary findings suggest that quarry-related explosives may have been illegally stored in a house. Officials suspect local resident Venkanna, who has been engaged in stone blasting for nearly a decade, might have kept explosive materials at home. Witnesses said smoke was first noticed billowing from the house. "Villagers rushed to thwart any mishap, but within moments a massive explosion occurred," a resident recounted, describing the chaos that followed.

District Collector A Shyam Prasad and Superintendent of Police S Satish Kumar visited the site and assured support to the affected families. "The injured will receive the best possible medical treatment, and all necessary assistance will be extended to the victims' families," the Collector said. The SP said, "A detailed investigation is underway to ascertain whether gelatin sticks or other explosives caused the blast. Clues teams are examining possible negligence and illegal storage."

The incident has cast a pall of gloom over the village. Kadiri MLA Kandikunta Venkata Prasad and BJP leader S Vishnuvardhan Reddy visited the site, offered condolences, and demanded strict action against those responsible for the explosion. The government has assured compensation and relief to the affected families.ens

Basava Award for Beldala; Writers, artistes and activists to be honoured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SPIRITUAL speaker Siddarama Sharanaru Beldala, known for his spiritual discourses in Kannada, has been chosen for the national level Basava Award for the year 2025-2026 by the Department of Kannada and Culture. Bhanukeerthi Bhattaraka Swami of Sri Kshetra Kambadahalli Jain Mutt has been chosen for Bhagwan Mahaveer National Peace Award. Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi announced the awards on Wednesday.

Dalit activist and progressive writer Devanuru Mahadeva and writer and activist K Neela are among the prominent personalities who have been chosen for the department's awards. Minister Shivaraj Thangadgi, who congratulated the awardees, said the award ceremony will be organized soon.

LIST OF AWARDEES

NATIONAL AWARDS
- Basava National Award: Siddarama Sharanaru Beldala, Bidar
- Bhagwan Mahaveer National Peace Award: Bhanukeerthi Bhattaraka Swami, Mandya

SOCIO-CULTURAL AWARDS
- Sangolli Rayanna Award: Siddanagouda Patil, Dharwad
- Akkamahadevi Award: K Neela, Kalaburagi
- Kayakayogi Sri Siddarameshwara Award: Prof SG Siddaramaiah, Tumakuru

ART AWARDS
- Varna Shilpi Venkatappa Award: V Hariram, Bengaluru
- Jakanachari Award: Ashok Gudigar, Shivamogga
- Janapada Shri Award: M Mahadevaswami, Mandya; B Lakshmana, Yadgir

MUSIC AND DANCE AWARDS
- Kumaravyasa Award: Kallinath Shastri, Gadag
- Shanthala Natya Award: Prathibha Prahlad, Mysuru

LITERATURE AND THEATRE AWARDS
- Pampa Award: Devanuru Mahadeva, Mysuru
- Prof KG Kundanagara Gadinadu Literary Award: Allabaksh Meerasaheb Miraji, Vijayapura
- Danachintamani Attimabbe Award: Dr Sukanya Maruti, Ballari
- BV Karanth Award: Prasanna, Shivamogga
- Dr Gubbiveeranna Award: GV Sharada, Tumakuru
- Dr Siddalingaiah Literary Award: Gangarama Chandala, Kolar

SYMBOLISING PROSPERITY

Devotees offer prayers at the Mahalingapuram Ayyappan Temple on the occasion of Vishu Kani festival (Malayali New Year) in Chennai on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

TDP revamps structure, elevates Nara Lokesh as national working prez

S VISWANATH @ Vijayawada

IN a significant organisational overhaul that signals a decisive shift in its future trajectory, the Telugu Desam Party has announced its Politburo, national, and State committees, marking a new phase in the TDP's evolution with HRD and IT Minister **Nara Lokesh** at the centre of its organisational leadership.

The appointment of Lokesh as the national working president underscores a majo generational transition within the TDP, positioning him firmly at the helm of party affairs and indicating a clear roadmap for the TDP's future leadership.

Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao has been reappointed as the State TDP president, completing a leadership alignment aimed at strengthening the party structure ahead of future political challenges.

In a landmark move reflecting its commitment to women's empowerment, the TDP has appointed Nandyal MP Byreddy Shabari as its first-ever woman national general secretary.

She will serve alongside Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu and Rajesh Kilaru as the TDP national general secretaries.

The newly constituted organisational structure includes a 29-member Politburo, a 31-member National Committee, and a 185-member State Committee. The committees have been formed after extensive deliberations, factoring in social, regional, and political balance, while keeping long-term goals, including the 2029 elections and potential constituency reorganisation, in mind.

Yettinahole project: Cescom yet to be paid ₹232 crore

B R UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

THE Yettinahole Integrated Drinking Water Project authorities have defaulted on Rs 232.11 crore power dues to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company (CESCOM). The project has been conceived to provide drinking water to 47 taluks across seven districts.

The dues of eight water pumping stations, including Hanbalu, Doddanagara, Kumbaradi, Kadugarahalli, Yettinahole 1 and 2 are pending. CESCOM engineers have recently submitted a report on the pending bills attached to different projects, including Yettinahole to secretary, the state energy department.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah had inaugurated the first phase of the Yettinahole project on September 6, 2024. The CESCOM is staring at financial crisis with power bills of many lift irrigation projects in Holenarasipur and Channarapatna taluks as well as dues of street lights and drinking water projects of local bodies have been pending for the last few years. The Yettinahole project alone has to pay Rs 8 crore per month to CESCOM. The CESCOM has now decided to issue notices to the defaulters.

Krishnappa, Executive Engineer, CESC said that they cannot cut power for nonpayment of bills and only issue notices to the authorities concerned.

EXPRESS READ

Presidency varsity holds cultural fest Invincia

Bengaluru: Presidency University conducted its two-day cultural fest 'Invincia' with more than 4,000 participants from colleges across Bengaluru and Karnataka competing in a wide range of events. Aver 30,000 students attended the fest. Singer Javed Ali and hip-hop artist Reble performed while actress Sreeleela, as chief guest, interacted with students and unveiled the Presidency Group's 50-year logo. The event was held under the guidance of managing trustee Kauser Nissar Ahmed, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Vidya Shankar Shetty, Dean Dr Anu Sukhdev and Vice-Principal Salman Nissar Ahmed. **ENS**

59 boys from Bihar brought to Odisha for madrasa admission, rescued by RPF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Cuttack

FIFTY-nine boys, travelling in Howrah-Puri Dhauli Express from Bihar, were rescued by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) at Cuttack railway station here on Tuesday.

The boys, aged between eight and 16 years, belonged to Araria district in Bihar and had arrived in Cuttack allegedly on the promise of being admitted to a madrasa in the state for free religious studies, the RPF sources said.

Inspector Prabin Kumar said the boys were intercepted by the RPF while they were alighting the train at platform no 4. "The boys were alone when they were deboarding the train. Suspecting something unusual, the RPF personnel took them for questioning.

The boys revealed they belonged to poor families in Bihar's Araria district," said Kumar. The minors claimed that around four to five persons from their area brought them from Araria to Katihar by a local train and then to Howrah. The minors further revealed that one maulana from Odisha met them at Howrah and assured them that they would be admitted to a madrasa here for religious education, said the RPF inspector. Thereafter, the group boarded the train for Cuttack. "The children stated that they were promised free religious education, lodging and boarding in the madrasa in Odisha as education in Bihar was expensive," Kumar said.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Akhlad, maulana and a resident of Chandapur in Raghunathpur, arrived at the station and wanted to receive the boys claiming he would admit them to a madrasa at Deuligrameswar in Jagatsinghpur. However, he failed to produce any valid documents supporting his claims, the inspector said. The RPF subsequently informed the matter to the Government Railway Police, local police and child welfare committee (CWC), Cuttack. The boys were provided food, water and other basic necessities by the RPF staff and childline personnel.

"Later, a team from the CWC conducted a detailed inquiry. All the 59 boys were formally rescued under Operation Nanhe Faristey and handed over to the CWC for their care, protection and rehabilitation," said the RPF inspector.

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)

Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon." The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets."

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Possession taken date
1	BRANCH - Peenya Loan No. - SEPEEYA0195276 BORROWER - Mr/Mrs Jayanthi N Co-Borrower - Mr/Mrs Gopinath R	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable B Schedluel Property Bearing No.417/23/1, Nagarsabha Khatha Slno.417, Situated At Veerabadranapalya, 2Nd Ward, Doddaballapura Nagar, Bangalore Rural Dist.,North By : Galli,South By : Other'S Land,East By : Road,,West By : Other'S Property.	21.11.2025 & 242409	11.04.2026
2	BRANCH - Chandapura Loan No. - SECNDPR0340652/ 200001690128 BORROWER - Hasenasab Co-Borrower - Allabakash, Ayisha	All The Peace And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Khatha Serial No.7,Old Property No.48/7,New Property No.56/7.Situated At Babar Bande (Mygubeedu) Grama, Kallubaalu Grama Panchayath,Anekal Taluk,Bangalore Urban District.Measuring From East To West 33 Feet And North To South 41 Feet. (North By)Govt.Road (South By)Govt.Road (East By)Site Belongs To Ashwath (West By)Govt.Bande	29.11.2025 & 782851	11.04.2026
3	BRANCH - Makali Loan No. - SEMAKLI0364491/ 200001504323 BORROWER - Lakshmiprasad Bn Co-Borrower - Manjula H R	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Gramathana Khaneshumari No.74/162/1, E-Property No. 153030700500500157, Situated At T.Beguru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, Measuring :East To West 9.8 Mtr(32.14 Ft), North To South 11 Mtr(36.08 Ft), Total Extent 107.80 Sqmtr(1160 Sqft) (North By)50/177, 74/178, 74/179, House (South By)Road (East By)House Of Kariyanna (West By)Bashyachar'S Property.	29.11.2025 & 2964578	11.04.2026

Date - 16.04.2026, Place - Bangalore — Authorized officer , Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

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IN THE HON'BLE 89th ADDL COMMERCIAL COURT JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-90)

Com O.S.No.1162/2025

BETWEEN: M/s R.R.Marketing, Represented by its Proprietor Sri.R.Ganesh ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: M/s SKB Enterprises, Report. by its Proprietor, Sri.Bore Gowda.G ... **DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS

To, **M/s SKB Enterprises,** Rep. by its Proprietor, Sri.Bore Gowda.B, No.4/1, 19th Cross, BHCS Layout, Lakkegowda Nagar, BSK 5th Stage, Subramanyapura Post, Near Brigade 7 Gardens, Bengaluru -560029.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.3,63,980/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty only) and further future interest at the rate of 24% per annum from the date of decree to till the date of payment of decree amount.

whereas summons could not be served on you in the ordinary manner this court has ordered substituted service by way of paper publication.

Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through your advocate on **06-06-2026** at 11:00 AM failing which you will be placed ex- parte and the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

You are further directed to file your written statement if any within the time prescribed under the provisions of the Commercial Court Act, 2015 failing which your right to file the same shall stand forfeited.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 10-04-2026.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial court Unit, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

NAVEEN.N, Advocate
No.418/04, Between 3rd and 4th Cross, 6th Main, Wilson garden, Bengaluru -560027.

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **SUNITHA SHARMA,** residing at No. 1002 M Tower, Mantri Serenity, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560 061 do hereby inform to the general public that in between 05-01-2022 and 11-04-2026, I have lost the document of Gift Deed pertaining to my property bearing vide Doc. No. BSK-1-01894-2019-20, which were kept in my house were missing /lost. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 11-04-2026, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit: Bengaluru City, vide Lost Report No. 2151668/2026. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **90492 48291.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **MRS. ROOPA W/o Mr. SUDINDRA**, together with his siblings and other legal heirs. Any person(s) having any manner of right, title, interest, claim, etc,.. Over the Schedule Property may lodge his/her/their its objections or claims in writing with all Supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within **7 days** hereof. Failing which, our client will proceed to complete the transaction. Any Objections/claims received thereafter will not been entertaining / binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Vacant Property bearing **Site No. 111** (One Hundred Eleven). Assessment **No. 44** of **Hegganahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** Previously Dasarahalli City Municipality Limits, Now comes under BBMP Ward No. 71 Limits.

Measuring East to west: **30-0 feet,** North to South Eastern Side: **43-0 feet,** western side **52-0 feet** in all measuring **1425 sq feet.** And Bounded on

East by : Site No. 112.
West by : Site No. 110.
North by : Road.
South by : Others Property

M/s Nagaraja & Associates
B. S. MANJUNATHA B.A. LL.B
Advocate
05, 1st Cross, Vinayaka Nagara, Near D Group Layout, Lingadheeranahalli, Andrahalli Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post Bangalore-560091. M : 9611010105

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that My Client **Mr. Raghavendra. K,** S/o. Mr. Koragu Shetty, Residing at : 3rd Floor Manjunatha Nilaya 3rd Main Kann Kaveri Nagar Hoskote Bangalore Rural-562114, he Lost the Original Sale deed dated: 27/01/2003 in Hoskote Vide Registered Document No.2534/2003-04, Book-I, Registered in sub registrar office, Hoskote, and in this regard my client has already registered a Complaint in the Police station dated 13/04/2026 in Lost Report No.2154530/2026, If lost original document under the above said reference procured shall be treated as the original as certified copy, The title deeds in respect of the Schedule Property belongs to Mr. Raghavendra. K , if Any person finds the above said documents may handover the same to the undersigned within 15 days from this day. If the said documents is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our clients and he/she/they shall be doing so at their own costs, risks and consequences.

SRINIVAS PRASAD, M.S. B.A. LLB. Advocate
No.116, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, Patel Muniyappa Layout, V.N. Halli, R.T.Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore -560032. Mob : 9880203128.
E-mail: kvs.srinivasadv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

1. Notice is hereby given to public that my client **Smt. Nagamma V,** W/o Late Sonne Gowda, residing at Bandharlahalli Village, Gudibande Taluk, Chikkaballapur District has purchased the sale deed dated 16.08.1990, vide Doc No.487/1990-91 Property bearing Khata No 1630/2, measuring 80 x24 +203 feet carved out of Survey Number 186/1 Measuring 11 Guntas, is the assessed house property situated at Voddoni Road Bagepalli Town Chikkaballapur Dist, has been lost/misplaced and not found even after searching it diligently. It is hereby appealed to the public that if the original of the said Sale Deed dated: 16-08-1990 is found, the same is to be handed to the undersigned.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Bounded on: **East by :** Property of Krishnappa, **West by:** Passage, **North by:** Drainage, **South by:** Property of Venkatappa

VENKATESH, Advocate
Devanahalli. Mob: 9448544987

FOREVER IN OUR MINDS

SRI S.JANARDHAN
Chartered Accountant

16.07.1946 - 16.04.2001
Sudha Janardhan (Wife)
Kshama Srinivasan (Niece)

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Securitisation Notice under S. 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002

We, **RBL Bank Limited** the secured creditor of Applicant & Co-Applicant mentioned in column no.2 below inform you all that your account has been classified as **Non-performing Account** in our accounts pursuant to your defaults in making payment/ repayment of principal and interest. An amount is now due and payable by you together with further interest thereon to **RBL Bank Ltd.**

In spite of our repeated demands you have not paid the amount(s) outstanding in your account(s) and you have not discharged your liabilities. We, therefore, issued notice under section 13(2) of Chapter III of the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 demanding payment of the above mentioned amounts together with further interest applicable at the contracted rates, costs, charges, other moneys to discharge your liabilities in full within **60 days** from the date of the notice.

Sl No	Name of Borrower, Loan Amount and Loan Account No.	Description of the property mortgaged	NPA Date & Amount O/s
1	1) Nagaraju S/o/ Late Eregowda, #01, Ward No 11, Block 27, Shanthi Nagar, Pandavapura Town, Pandavapura Taluk, Mandya-671434. **Also At:** Swagath Tour And Travels Working As Booking Clerck, #1, N.V Block, Rbdgt Complex Main Enterence, Near Railway Station, Banglore-560023 **(Borrower & Mortgagor), 2) Anusuya W/o. Nagaraju,** #01, Ward No 11, Block 27, Shanthi Nagar, Pandavapura Town, Pandavapura Taluk, Mandya-671434. **(Co-Borrower)** **Loan Account No.: 809002948965**	**Schedule of Property: Property No. 27-501-A1/71/5:** Property Address All that piece and parcel of the property bearing S.A.S. No. 2495/1/1743/D, Old No. 2495/1/1743/D, Property No. 27-501-A1/71/5, Situated at Ward No.08, Shanthi Nagara, Pandavapura Town, Mandya (D) & Bounded on: **East by:** Property of C.D. Shankar, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road. Measuring: E-W:9.144018 Meter & N-S.9.144018 Meter along with building constructed thereon	**NPA Date: 06-04-2026** **Total amount of Rs.7,26,518.77** **Out standing due as on 07-04-2026** **Demand Notice Date: 08.04.2026**

Now the authorized officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** do hereby publish the contents of the above demand notice as provided under the Rules for discharge your liabilities in full, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the following security created by you in our favour by exercising any or all the rights given under the said Act.

Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **RBL Bank** against the borrower and the guarantors of the said financial under law. You are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said Act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 16-04-2026 — **Authorised officer, RBL Bank Ltd.**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Daniel, Also at: Ommkara Facility Services, 2) Mrs. Devakripamma/ Mrs. Krupamma	Loan Account No. 31889630001202 31879170077247 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.60,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.818, Sy.No.2, situated at Siddarthnagara, Penny Plantation, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Rajarajeswarinagara and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** No.819, **North by:** Road, **South by:** No.817. Measuring East to West: 12.6 feet and North to South: 21 feet, in all measuring; 264.6 Sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 15-04-2026	Rs.4,80,455.98 (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five and Ninety Eight Paisa Only) due as on 13-04-2026
2	1) Mr. Uthrahari, 2) Mrs. Satheswari, 3) Mrs. Shivakumari	Loan Account No. 30258310000809 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 Acres and 18 guntas including the Kharab Land in Survey Nos.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, and **Bounded on the: On the East:** Lands in Survey No.43, **On the West:** Road, **On the North:** Mayasandragadi, **On the South:** Lands in Survey No.41. **Schedule-B Property: Property to be conveyed:** The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above works out to 195 Square feet. **Schedule-C Apartment:** Residential Apartment bearing No.A-118, Katha No.684, Assessment No.T4C-A-U8, First Floor of Tower 4C, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bath Room and a balcony and a covered carparking bearing No.5, in Tower No.9 in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "JANAADHAR SHUBHA" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built up area of 400 Sq.ft. with vitrified flooring and the proportionate share in the common areas, such as, passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well andfor room/s, water, drainage and/or electrical conduit/s and/or other area/s used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s and is **Bounded on: East by:** B-1 19, **West by:** Open Space, **North by:** A-121, **South by:** Stair Case. The Super Built Area means and includes the exclusive Floor Area of each Apartment Unit and the Proportionate areas covered by common wall/s, passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well and/or room/s, water, Drainage and/or electrical conduit/s, parks, and/or other area/s used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s. **Schedule-D list of facilities:** Storm water storage, Recharge pits, Rainwater collection tank, STP- Treated & reused, Overhead tank, Bore well water treated & used UG sump & pumps, Solar street lighting, Dual flush system for wc's.	Date of NPA: 08-01-2016 Demand Notice Date: 09-04-2026	Rs.14,62,741.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Only) due as on 07-04-2026
3	1) Mr. Muniraju M, S/o. Narayanappa, 2) Mrs. Triveni, W/o. Muniraju	Loan Account No. 46459430000509 46459410001621 Loan Amount: Rs.3,00,000/- Rs.2,14,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All, the piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing No.13/45, Situated at Chokkasandra Village Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Property comes under the limits of Nandagudi Village Panchayath, and the same is **Bounded as under: East:** Road, **West:** Hanunnppa, **North:** Venkateshappa, **South:** Mugappa. Measuring 25x20 feet.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 13-04-2026	Rs.4,83,591.01 (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety One and One Paisa Only) due as on 09-04-2026
4	1) Mrs. Bebi, W/o. Kumara, 2) Mr. Muthuraj, S/o. Kumar	Loan Account No. 47050430000296 47059410001271 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.2,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property No. I5290020270040049 9/222, measuring East to West 25.908 meters and North to South 9.1444 meters situated at Mullahalli Village, Mullahalli Grama Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East:** Own Remaining Property, **West:** Road, **North:** Own Remaining Property, **South:** House belongs to Nataraj.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 13-04-2026	Rs.7,11,748.12 (Rupees Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight and Twelve Paisa Only) due as on 09-04-2026

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 15.04.2026, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural — Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Agarwal Steels (Borrower) Ashok Agarwal (Guarantors) (Mortgagors) Loan Account Number 232605500418	Property 1: All that the property "1/2 undivided share, right, title and interest in the Property bearing No.52 & 53 formed in Assessment No.47/1 & 48/1, Situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now Situated at 4th Cross, 5th Main, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Bangalore measuring in East to West 30 feet and North to South 70 feet in total measuring 2100 Sq ft, and bounded on the; East by : Site No.50 & 51; West by : Road; North by : Site No.54; South by: Road; Together With: Ground floor Portion house building constructed thereon measuring 1600 Sq ft". Property 2: All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of Sy no.174 old Sy no.159 measuring east to west (59.4+75.8)/2ft and North to south (128.4+135.6)/2 ft in all 8923.2 sq ft Situated at Huskoor village DasanapuraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore and bounded on the; East By : Remaining portion of sy No.174; West By : Mrs.Mayarani's Property North By : Road; South By : Mr. Erappa's Property.	Rs. 3,24,18, 506/- (as on April 04, 2026)	Rs. 2,50,00, 000/- Rs. 25,00, 000/-	May 05 2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	May 15, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com).of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May14, 2026 before 04:00 PM. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 on or before May 14, 2026 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 14, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or May 14, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at "Bangalore".
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No.7304918084.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : April 16, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Bank of Baroda

(A Government of India undertaking)

K G Road Branch
No 2, Prithvi Building, K G Road, Bangalore - 560 009, Tel: 080-22268106/07,
E-mail:BANGAL@bankofbaroda.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is"**, **"As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. lot no.	Name & address of Borrower	Description of the Properties	Total Dues	Date & Time of e-Auction	1.Reserve Price 2.EMD Amount 3.Increment amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & time
1	**1) M/s Sri Siddeswara Poultry Breeders,** Prop: Sri A N Manjunath, No 118, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560038. **2) M/s Sri Siddeswara Poultry Breeders,** Prop: Sri A N Manjunath at Abbenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District-563130. **3) M/s Sri Siddeswara Poultry Breeders,** Prop: Sri A N Manjunath, No.55, 3RD Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560038. **4) Sri A N Manjunath,** No 118, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560038. **5) Sri A N Manjunath**, No 55, 3rd Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560038. **6) Mr. AN Balachandra** S/o Late A L Narayana Gowda, No 113, Abbenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, Karnataka – 563130. **7) Smt R Radha,** W/o Dr. A N Manjunath, No 118, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore., Karnataka - 560038 **8) Smt R Radha,** W/o Dr. A N Manjunath, No 55, 3rd Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560038. **9) Smt R Radha**, W/o Dr. A N Manjunath, 825, 9th Cross, 10th 'A' Main, Near Cauvery School, Indranagar, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560038	That, Borrowers mortgaged the land properties including development made by them in favour of Bank, as per the registered extension of mortgage deed dated.26.07.2023 which is registered as document no.MLR-1-03155-2023-24 dated.28.07.2023 Sub-Registrar, Malur, as per guidelines of RBI and Bank and as per provision of Law, issuing notice to following properties. **PROPERTY 1:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable converted properties bearing Sy. No. 41/3, old no.41, (0A-18G), Sy. No. 42/1 (0A-31G including 3 guntaBa kharab), Sy. No. 42/2 (0A-13G), Sy. No. 44/1 (0A-27G including 2 gunta aa kharab 4 guntaBa kharab), Sy. No. 44/2 (0A-15G including 1 gunta aa kharab and 1 guntabakharab) all properties are situated at Abbenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, got converted from Agriculture use to non-agriculture use been accorded under the Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN. SR-311/2012-13 dated 25.02.2014 and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Mariyappa and Government Road , West by: Canal, North by: Canal, South by: Properties belonging to Munishamappa (These properties are shown in registered mortgage registered page no.7 as item no.1) **PROPERTY 2:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable converted properties bearing Sy. No. 95/1 measuring to an extent of 01 acre 15 Guntas and Sy. No. 95/2 measuring to an extent of 01 acres 10 Guntas, in all measuring to an extent of 2 Acres 25 Guntas, situated at Contingently to each other as one block at Abbenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar Dist., got converted and permission for change from Agriculture use to Non-Agriculture Use been accorded under the Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN. SR-24/2012-13 dated 01- 02-2013 and bounded on the: East by: Property belonging to Bittanahalli Muniyappa, West by: Property belonging to KavaluMuniswamy and Others, North by: Property belonging to Mangalagowramma and kharab Channel, South By Road (These properties are shown in registered mortgage registered page no. 18 and 19 as item no. 1) **PROPERTY 3:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable converted property bearing Sy. No. 188, situated at Abbenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, measuring to an extent of 6 Acres 18 guntas and 6 guntas of kharab land and permission for change from Agriculture use to Non-Agriculture Industrial Use been accorded under the Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN. SR-310/2012-13 dated 01.01.2014 and bounded on the: East by: Property belonging to Maliyappanahali Hanumappa and Mathikere Puttappa West by: Government Road, North by: Property belonging to Begum w/o Gafar Sabi,South by: Property belong to BanahalliNanjapa's son. **PROPERTY 4:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable converted property bearing Sy. No.181/3 (formerly portion of Sy. No.181/'2) measuring to an extent of 19 1/2 guntas (19.08 Guntas) Situated at AbbenahallinVillage, KasabaHobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, got converted and permission for change from Agriculture use to Non-Agriculture Industrial Use been accorded under the Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN.SR-310/2012-13 dated 25.02.2014 and bounded on the East: Property belonging to Kodandaramegowda and Anjanappa , West: Property belonging to Anjinappa Road, North: Road, South: Property belong to N Manjula	**Rs. 12,26,12,304.64** (Rupees Twelve Crores Twenty-Six Lakhs Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Four and Sixty-Four paise Only) as on possession notice dated 06.02.2026 Plus Interest and Legal Expenses	**04.06.2026** between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	**Property No 1** Rs 3,78,00,000 Rs 37,80,000 Rs 50,000/- **Property No 2** Rs 2,83,50,000 Rs 28,35,000 Rs 50,000/- **Property No 3** Rs 9,40,87,080 Rs 94,08,708 Rs 50,000/- **Property No 4** Rs 1,08,00,000 Rs 10,80,000 Rs 50,000/-	Symbolic Possession	With prior appointment from Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and online auction portal https://baanknet.com and Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No.080-22268106/107.

Date: 13.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda, K.G. Road Branch

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client **Syed Sulthan Ali K. R,** residing at No. 12, Pillanna Garden, 1st stage, 1st cross, Bangalore-560084. He has lost registered Document no. 2846/1969-70, dated 15.12.1969, Document no. 1175/1984-85, dated 14.07.1984, & Document no 2995/1984-85 dated 22.10.1984, all registered in the office of sub-registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore & has lodge a police complaint with Bangalore City Police **vide lost report no. 2044110/ 2026, dated 04.02.2026.** If any person/s find the same, the public is hereby requested to return the same to the address mentioned below for which my client will be obliged.

H.A.AMARNATH Advocate
#272, 2nd Block, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore 560032
Mob : 9886585809/ 7899865859/ 9448412444

Bengaluru — Date : 16-04-2026

Karnataka State Open University

Mukthagangothri, Mysuru, Karnataka - 570006

No.: KSOU/IT/CW-03/AMC of CCTV/119/2025-26 — Date: 09.04.2026

Short term Re-Tender Notification

Apropos approval of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru invites short term e-Tender as per **"KTPP ACT 2000"** in two cover system(Technical bid & Financial bid) for Annual Maintenance for Contract of Intelligent Centralized Surveillance system at KSOU, Mysuru.
Interested eligible bidders may upload the tender by downloading the information in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal. For more information contact Registrar, KSOU, Mysuru during office hours (Phone: 0821-2512471).
(Tender Number: KSOU/2025-26/SE0018/CALL-2)

Sd/-
REGISTRAR
Karnataka State Open University

DIPR/MYSORE/58/SSC/2026-27

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar
Bengaluru - 560 009. Phone No. 080-22265383, website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/PMC/EPTND-EP-01/180/2026-27 — Date: 15.04.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tenders under Quality Based Consultancy System (QCBS) as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Consulting Firms under two cover system for the following works :

Name of the Works : 1) Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Formation of Industrial Layout including formation of 24m wide roads 18m wide roads including asphalting, construction of RCC side drains, RCC cross drainage works, retaining wall & HDPE water supply pipe line at Sector-1 in Dobaspet Industrial Area, Phase-7, Nelamanagala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **2)** Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Formation of Industrial Layout including formation of 30m wide roads, 24m wide roads, 18m wide roads & 12m wide roads including asphalting, construction of RCC side drains, RCC cross drainage works, retaining wall SWD, HDPE water supply pipe line, OHT, GLSR & RWH at Sector-2 in Dobbaspet Industrial Area Phase-7, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **20.05.2026** upto **04.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/200/Zen/2026-27

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the House Property bearing Municipal Nos.7, PID No.61-20-7, No.7/1, PID No. 61-20-7/1 and No.7/2, PID No. 61-20-7/2, situated at Venkatappa Street, Chikkamavalli, Bengaluru-560 004, (BBMP Ward No.143-V.V.Puram), built on a site measuring East to West 43 feet 6 inches and North to South on the Eastern side 73 feet and on the Western side 71 feet. The built up area consists of two portions i.e., one main house and one out house, from Smt. Sandhya Srinivasulu W/o. Late N. Srinivasulu & Sri. N. S. Deepak S/o. Late N. Srinivasulu and OTHERS.

Anybody having any right, title, interest or share in the schedule property shall notify the same to the undersigned with documentary evidence, within **FIFTEEN (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will purchase the schedule property, as if no valid claims are subsisting against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the House Property bearing Municipal Nos.7, PID No.61-20-7, No.7/1, PID No. 61-20-7/1 and No.7/2, PID No. 61-20-7/2, situated at Venkatappa Street, Chikkamavalli, Bengaluru-560 004, (BBMP Ward No.143-V.V.Puram), built on a site measuring East to West 43 feet 6 inches and North to South on the Eastern side 73 feet and on the Western side 71 feet. The built up area consists of two portions i.e., one main house and one out house, and bounded as follows: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Property No.6, **North by:** Conservancy Lane, **South by:** Road.

K. SURYAPRAKASH RAO, Advocate
Chakravarthy Complex, Sajjanrao Circle,
V.V. Puram, Bangalore-04.
Mobile No: 9845347114, 6360911979.
Date: 15-04-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby notified that my client by name **Mr. MD GAZEE, S/o Mr. MOHAMMED NOORUL HUSSAIN,** is intending to purchase the residential Site bearing No. 148/124, in Katha No. 987, E-Aasthi 2725374990, measuring East to West: 30 (thirty feet); and North to South: 40 (forty feet) Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Byatarayanapura Zone, situated at SAMPIGEHALII Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. which is more-fully mentioned below as schedule property, from **1. MR. J. MAHESH KUMAR, S/o. Late P. Jayapal, 2. MRS. KOUSALYARANI M. W/o. Mr. Mahesh. Kumar J**. Both residing at: No. 6, 'P' No.3 Street, 1st Cross, Armstrong Road, Bharathinagar, Bangalore-560 001. Any person has any claim or any right over the schedule property in any manner, he or she may contact me in person or in writing with due evidence within 15 days from the date of this notification. After which period of time, if no valid response is received by any person, my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property and my client shall not be held responsible for any such unwarranted claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being a Vacant Residential Site bearing No. 148/124, E-Aasthi No. 2725374990, in Katha No. 987 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Byatarayanapura Zone, situated at SAMPIGEHALLI Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West: 30'-00' feet and North to South 40'-0" feet, totally measuring 1200 Sqft., and bounded on:- **East by:** 30 Feet Road, **West by:** ChikkaMuniyappa's Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Muniyappa's house.

VENKATESHA .S, Advocate
#11, Ravichaya Building, 10th Cross, 4th Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore-560027.
Mob : 9060004891. Dated : 15.04.2026

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001
T.A. No.30/2024

BETWEEN: Karnataka Bank Limited Sadashivanagar Branch ...APPLICANT
AND: M/s Golden Innovation. ....DEFENDANTS

To, M/s Golden Innovation,
No. 75, Ground Floor, 50 Feet Road, Hanumanthanagara, Bengaluru-560019, Karnataka, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Nagendra Kumar B.
Address of the Proprietor
Sri. Nagendra Kumar B. S/o Late Byrappa, Aged about 41 years, No. 20/7, Amrutha 6th Cross, Raghavendra Block, Srinagara, Bengaluru-560050.

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT (Procedure) Rules 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT

Whereas, an Application bank has instituted as application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of **Rs.26,28,423/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate of 18.77% P.A. with yearly rests, from the date of filling of OA to till date of realization.

You are hereby required to show within 30 days from the date of pubilication of this summons or **on 17/06/2026 at 10.30 A.M**, in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted in case of default in your absence.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this **19th day of november, 2025**

By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I Bangalore

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
BSNL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR
RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU
O.A. No. 1967/2025

BETWEEN: M/s. HDFC BANK LIMITED,
Having its branch office at No. 51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560001
Represented by its Legal Manager
Mr. Shridhar Chinni
... Applicant

:: AND ::

1. Mr. Satish Aum S/o. Mr. Anjanappa, Aged About 42 Years, No.227, Nagalaxmi Nilaya, 7th Cross, Near Ganesha Temple, R.H.B. Colony, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru-560048.
2. Mrs. Chandrakala K
W/o. Mr. Satish Aum, Aged About 41 Years, No.227, Nagalaxmi Nilaya, 7th Cross, Near Ganesha Temple, R.H.B. Colony, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru-560048.
3. M/s. Sigma Builders
Having its office at, Sy. No. 223, Attibele, Sarjapura Road, Indlabere, Attibele, Bengaluru - 562107.
Represented by its Managing Partner
Mr. Balaji. T.
...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDENTUNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHERE AS: The applicant has instituted an application in the section 19 of recovery of debts due to banks and financial institution act 1993 against the You for recovery of a sum of Rs. 46,32,905/- (Rupees Forty-Six Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Five Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendant is required to appear therefore here by direct to appear before the tribunal in person is through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **06/08/2026 at 10.30 am** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in cause default the application will be heard and determine in your absence.

Give under my hand & the seal of the tribunal on this 9th Day of APRIL 2026.

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e-Mail: **mei.matls9@gmail.com** Visit us at **www.mei.karnataka.gov.in**
Tender Enquiry Ref.: MEIL/2026-27/IND0470 to IND0472 Date: 15.04.2026

NOTIFICATION

SUPPLY OF RELAYS

Calendar of Events: (1) Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **15.04.2026. (2)** Last date for submission of Queries: **18.04.2026. (3)** Last date for submission of Technical & Financial Bids (Cover I & II): **22.04.2026. (4)** Opening of Technical Bids: **24.04.2026. (5)** Opening of Financial Bids: **25.04.2026. Visit us at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- General Manager (Procurement)

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(VARAHI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL/2025-26/SE0332/Call-2 Date:15.04.2026

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through Karnataka Public Procurement portal)

Bids in two parts are invited through e-Procurement portal for **"Providing canteen facility at Hosangadi Office Complex and at VUGPH for a period of one year and extendable for one more year based on the performance"** from reputed bidders who had carried out similar works in any utility. The details of NIT & tender documents can also be seen on website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through KPP portal mode only. The details are as below: **(1)** Tender processing fee: As per KPP portal. **(2)** EMD: **Rs.68,150/- (3)** Last date for online submission of Technical bid along with EMD & Financial bid (Cover-I & II): **22.04.2026 at 17.00 hrs.** Further details can be had from Office of the **Assistant General Manager(HRD)H, KPCL, VHEP, Hosangadi-576 282, Kundapur (T), Udupi(D), Cell: +91-9449421396 or contact Helpdesk No.080-25501216/ 25501227**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary.

No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/Various Heads/2026-27/ 74
Dt. 06.04.2026

Short Tender Notification (Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 03 works comprising of approved Road, and Building works under 2025-26 KKRDB works, 2023-24 CM Spl grant and 2024-25 Minority grant Works through KPPP portal.

Indent No.
4.RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT26077
5.RDPR/2026-27/RD/WORK_INDENT26076
6.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT25658/call-2

Contractors are required to submit the tender before **17-04-2026 at 4.30 PM** by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from **10-04-2026 to 17-04-2026 at 4.30 PM**. Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on **18-04-2026 at 5.30 PM** Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Ballari
DIPR/Ballari/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/55

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Gurudeep Rai (Borrower) Loan Number TBBNG00007082066	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Site Bearing Bda No.15/A, Present Municipal No.15/A, Pid No.39-118-15/A, Situated At 1st Stage, 3rd Phase, Chandra Layout, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Old Ward No.39, New Ward No.128, Bangalore,and Measuring East To West 40-0" (Forty) Feet, And North To South 30'-0" (Thirty) Feet, In All Measuring 1200 Sq. Feet. And Bounded On: Bounded By: North: Site No.15. South: Drainage. East: Site No.14. West: Road.	Rs. 1,46,76, 798/- As on March 28, 2026)	Rs. 1,20,00, 000/- / Rs. 12,00, 000/-	May 08 2026 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	May 15, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Private Ltd. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May 14, 2026, before 04:00 PM. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before May 14, 2026, by 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 14, 2026, by 05:00 PM. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before May 14, 2026, by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at "Bangalore".

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No.7304918084

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : April 16, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer,
ICICI Bank Limited

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE III ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU [CCH- 25] P&SC No. 174/2026

BETWEEN: Sri. Sandeep Sathyanarayan, S/o Late B V Sathyanarayan, Residing at: #9/102, 10th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 011. Also r/at: 801, Palo Alto, California 94301, United States of America, Represented by his POA holder, Smt. Jyotsna Sulebele, D/o G A Sulebele, W/o Sandeep Sathyanarayan, Aged about 56 years, Residing at: #9/102, 10th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 011. Also r/at: 801, Palo Alto, California 94301, United States of America., **...PETITIONER**
AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named filed this petition under Section 276 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Probate of the will dated 10.05.2022 in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late Sri. Sunil Sathyanarayan brother of Petitioner herein, who expired on 10.05.2022.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 24.04.2026 at 11 a.m.** inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of the residential sites bearing Nos. 17,18,19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 102, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 and 20, total measuring 63,395 sq. ft., all sites formed in residentially converted land bearing Survey Nos. 61, 62, 69, of Mahal Chowdadenahalli Village and 110/1, 110/2 and 111/2(P) of Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekla Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

IT No	Site Nos	Survey No.	Situated at Village	Total measuring in Sq.ft.	Schedules East	West	North	South
1	17	62 & 69	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Site No.21	Road	Site No.16	Site No.18
2	18	62 & 69	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Site No.22	Road	Site No.17	Site No.19
3	19	62	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Site No.23	Road	Site No.18	C.A. Land
4	21	62	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Road	Site No.17	Site No.20	Site No.22
5	22	62	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Road	Site No.18	Site No.21	Site No.23
6	23	62 & 61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Road	Site No.19	Site No.22	Site No.24
7	24	62 & 61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Road	C.A. Land	Site No.23	Site No.25
8	25	62 & 61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Road	C.A. Land	Site No.24	Site No.26
9	26	61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	1500.00	Road	C.A. Land	Site No.25	Site No.27
10	29	62 & 61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Site No.132	Road	Site No.28	Site No.30
11	30	62 & 61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Site No.132	Road	Site No.29	Site No.31
12	31	61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2000.00	Site No.132	Road	Site No.30	Site No.32
13	32	61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	1997.00	Site No.132	Road	Site No.31	Site No.33
14	33	61	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	1384.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.32	PVT Property
15	67	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1912.00	Road	Park Pathway	Site No.66 & 72	Site No.68
16	68	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1669.00	Road	Park Pathway	Site No.67	Site No.69
17	69	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1425.00	Road	Park Pathway	Site No.68	Site No.70
18	70	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1182.00	Road	Park Pathway	Site No.69	Site No.71
19	71	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1005.00	Road	Park Pathway	Site No.70	Rd. Buffer area
20	102	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1800.00	Site No.107	Road	Site No.101	Site No.103
21	106	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1259.00	Road	Site No.103	Site No.107	Site No.105
22	107	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1692.00	Road	Site No.102	Site No.108	Site No.106
23	108	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1707.00	Road	Site No.101	Site No.109	Site No.107
24	109	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1722.00	Road	Site No.100	PVT Property	Site No.108
25	110	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1200.00	PVT Property	Site No.111	Road	PVT Property
26	111	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1193.00	Site No.110	Site No.112	Road	PVT Property
27	112	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1193.00	Site No.111	Site No.113	Road	PVT Property
28	113	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1200.00	Site No.112	Site No.114	Road	PVT Property
29	114	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1200.00	Site No.113	Site No.115	Road	PVT Property
30	115	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1200.00	Site No.114	Site No.116	Road	PVT Property
31	116	111/2 (P)	Gudigattanahalli	1200.00	Site No.115	Site No.117	Road	PVT Property
32	117	110/2	Gudigattanahalli	1408.00	Site No.116	Road	Road	Site No.118
33	118	110/1 & 110/2	Gudigattanahalli	1033.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.117	Site No.119
34	119	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1031.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.118	Site No.120
35	120	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1029.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.119	Site No.121
36	121	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1025.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.120	Site No.122
37	122	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1025.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.121	Site No.123
38	123	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1024.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.122	Site No.124
39	124	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1022.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.123	Site No.125
40	125	110/1	Gudigattanahalli	1705.00	PVT Property	Road	Site No.124	Road
41	20	62	Mahal Chowdadenahalli	2453.00	Road	Site No.16	Road	Site No.21

Total measuring square feet 63,395.00

Item No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of the residential sites bearing address House No. 10 Old No. 6 Present postal address 368 8th Cross 1st Block Jayanagar Bangalore 560011 PID number 59-18-102 Measuring East to West 45 feet North to south 60 feet. Sale deed Registration Details No. 1172/90-91 dated 25/7/1990 Book No. 1 Volume 1366 Pages 79-90 Registered at SRO Jayanagar.
And Bounded on the, East By : Site Number 9/369. West By : Site Number 11/367.
North By : Site Number 5/363. South By : By Road.

Item No. 3 : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing address No. 246 Category HIG Suryanagar Developed by Karnataka Housing Board Measuring East to West 15.00 meters North to South 24.00 meters. In all measuring 360.00 sq. meters, Absolute Saledeed Registered in Book 1 Document No. ABL-1-07043-2018-19 Book 5, CD No. ABLD332, Registered at SRO Attibele, Anekal Taluk. Bounded by
East By : Site No. 245 Hig ; West By : Site No. 247 Hig, South By : Site No. 255 Hig; North By : Road.

ITEM NO. 4 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 41/2 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-18.08 Guntas registered in, Book 1 SRJ-1-03026 / 2017-18, CD No.SRJD248 on 13.11. 2017. Bounded by
East By : Sy No. 41/4; West By : Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy. No.41/2
North By : Land Bearing Sy. No. 41/1; South By : Land Bearing Sy. No. 41/3.

ITEM NO. 5 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 45/2 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-38 Guntas registered in Book 1 ANK-1-31614 / 2006-07, CD No. ANKD189 Dated 21/02/2007. Bounded
East By : Sy. No. 45/3 ; West By : Sy. No. 45/1 ; North By : Sy. No. 43 ; South By : Sy. No. 44.

ITEM NO. 6 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 45/4 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-38 Guntas registered in Book 1 ANK-1-25310 / 2006-07, CD No. ANKD172 on 3/11/2006. Bounded by
EAST BY : Sy. No. 45/3 ; WEST BY : Sy. No. 41 ;
NORTH BY : Sy. No. 45/1 and Sy. No.45/2; SOUTH BY : Sy. No. 47.

ITEM NO. 7 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 45/1 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-37 Guntas registered in Book 1 ANK-1-31611 / 2006-07, CD No. ANKD189 Dated 21/02/2007 Bounded
East by : Sy. No. 45/2; West by : Sy. No. 41; North by : Sy. No. 43; South by : Sy. No. 45/4

ITEM NO. 8 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No Sy. No. Old 45/3 and New 45/5 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 1 acre 9.12 Guntas registered Book 1 SRJ-1-00593 / 2020-21, CD No. SRJD634 Dated 23/06/2020 Bounded
East by : East by Village boundary; West by : Sy. No. 45/2 and Sy. No. 45/4
North by : Remaining portion of Sy. No.45/3; South by : Sy. No. 46.

ITEM NO. 9 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 45/3 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-12.12 Guntas registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-05374-2011-12, CD No. SRJD93 Dated 30-01-2012. Bounded
East by : V. Kallahalli village boundry ; West by : Land belonging to Sunil Sathyanarayan
North by : Sy. No. 45/3 ABC Schedule property; South by : Chikkakovindappa's childrens property.

ITEM NO. 10 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 114 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 2-22 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 62/2011-12 Dated 20-0/-2011. Registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-01815 / 2007-08, CD No. SRJD8 Dated 26/10/2007 Bounded
East By : Chandriah Reddy's Land ; West By : Road
North By : Pappiah's Land ; South By : Krishnappas And Narayanappas Land.

ITEM NO. 11 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 114 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-34 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 62/2011-12 Dated 20-0/-2011 registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-01794- 2007-08, CD No.SRJD8 Dated 24/10/2007 Bounded East by : Valgar Kallahalli village boundry ; West by : Road
North by : Sy. No114 Land belonging to Lakshmiah's land South by : Krishnappa's and Narayanappa's land

ITEM NO. 12 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 115 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-29 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 62/2011-12 Dated 20-07-2011 registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-01797-2007-08, CD No. SRJD8 Dated 24-10-2007. Bounded East by : Valgar Kallahalli village boundry; West by : Road
North by : Chickchalliah's land; South by : Sy. No.114

ITEM NO. 13 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 115 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Chambenhalli Village Measuring 0-29 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 62/2011-12 Dated 20-07-2011 registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-01816-2007-08, CD No. SRJD8 Dated 26-10-2007. Bounded East by : Valgar Kallahalli village boundry; West by : Road
North by : Gundappa and 17 grahara's land; South by : Munivenkatappas land.

ITEM NO. 14 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 91/2 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Valgar kallahalli Village Measuring 0-36 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 61/2011-12 Dated 19-07-2011 registered in Book 1 ANK-1-31600-2006-07, CD No. ANKD189 Dated 21-02-2007. Bounded
East by : Sy. No.91/2 land belonging to Muniswamappa; West by : Land belonging to Thogatara Chinnappa;
North by : Sy. No. 91/2land belonging to Venkatammi; South by : Land belonging to Muniappa.

ITEM NO. 15 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 68 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Mahal chowdaen halli Village Measuring 0-7.29 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 28/2015-16 Dated 06-08-2015 vide Deed of Exchange registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-08212-2022-23, CD No. SRJD1288 registered on 04-01-2023. Bounded
East by : Land belonging Sy. No.69; West by : Land belonging to Sy. No. 67/1 and 67/2a
North by : Land belonging Sy. No.64; South by : Land belonging Sy. No.69.

ITEM NO. 16 : All that piece and parcel of the site bearing no. Sy. No. 64 Bangalore Urban District Anekal Taluk Sarjapur Hobli Mahal chowdaen halli Village Measuring 5.54 Guntas of DC converted land with conversion order number ALN (AS)-SR. 30/2015-16 Dated 06-08-2015 vide Deed of Exchange registered in Book 1 SRJ-1-08212-2022-23, CD No. SRJD1288 registered on 04-01-2023.
Bounded East by : Land belonging Sy. No.63; West by : Land belonging to Sy. No. 65 and 67/1;
North by : Land belonging to Sy. No. 60; South by : Land belonging Sy. No. 68

ITEM NO. 17 :

Ittanguru Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru (Sunil Sathyanarayana)

Sl. No	Sy. No	Extent Acre	Extent Guntas	Sale Deed Date	Sale Deed No.	Previous Owner
1	64	0	30	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-8127/ 2023-24	**Shankarappa & Others :** E: Property No.63 & Dunappa @ Yellappa. W:property Bearing Sy. No. 58, N: Remaining Portion Of The Same Sy.no. 64. S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no. 64
2	64	0	8	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-08121/ 2023-24	**Venkataswamy & Others** : E: Property Bearing Sy. No.63 W:remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.64. N: Property Bearing Sy No.60. S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no. 64
3	64	0	16	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-08122/ 2023-24	**Pillamma & Others** : E: Property Of Dunappa @ Yellappa W:property In Sy.no. 58. N: Remaining Portion Of The Same Sy No. 64. S: Land In Sy No. 65 & Remaining Portion Of The Same Sy No. 64
4	64	0	32	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-08119/ 2023-24	**Kakappa & Others** : E: Dunappa @ Yellappa's Property W: Sy,no.65 Property. N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no. 64. S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no. 64
5	66	0	18	24.05.2022	SRJ-1-01627/ 2022-23	**Munivenkamma & Others** : E: Sy,no.65 ; W: Sy,no.69 N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66 S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66
6	66	0	25	24.05.2022	SRJ-1-01624/ 2022-23	**Muniyamma & Others** : E: Sy,no.65 ; W: Sy,no.69, N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66 S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66
7	66	0	20	25.07.2022	SRJ-1-03576/ 2022-23	**Krishnappa & Others** : E: Property Bearing Sy,no.65 W: Property Bearing Sy,no.69. N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66. S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66
8	28	0	12	25.02.2022	SRJ-1-01616/ 2022-23	**Jayamma & Others** : E: Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy,no.28, W: Survey No.27, N: Rajakaluve; S: Survey No.29
9	28	0	31	25.02.2022	SRJ-1-01608/ 2022-23	**Beeramma & Others** : E: Survey No.29 & 30 ; W: Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy,no.28; N: Rajakaluve; S: Survey No.29
10	64	0	38	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-08117- 2023-24	**Gullamma & Others** : E: Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy,no.64. W: Land In Sy,no.65 ; N: Remaining Portion Of Land In Sy,no.64 ; S: Land In Sy,no.77
11	64	1	36	05.12.2023	SRJ-1-08101/ 2023-24	**Dunnappa & Others : E**: Survey No.63 & 78 Property W: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no. 64, N: Sy,no.63 And Remaining Portion Of Sy,no. 64 ; S: Survey No.77, s Property
12	30	0	33	25.02.2022	SRJ-1-01678/ 2022-23	**Muniyappa & Others** : E: Survey No.34 & 35 ; W: Survey No.29 ; N: Rajakaluve ; S: Survey No.31
13	39	0	12	25.05.2022	SRJ-1-01676/ 2022-23	**Ramu & Others :** E: Survey No.40 ; W: Survey No.38 N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no. 39 S: Survey No.49
14	39	0	8	18.05.2016	SRJ-4-0000 59/ 2016-17 CD.NO. SRJD197	**Rangappa & Others** : E: Survey No.40 ; W: Survey No.38 N: Raj Kumar Land. S: Remaining Land Bearing Same Sy,no
15	64	0	6	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-08118/ 2023-24	**Krishnappa & Others :** E: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.64 W: Survey No.58 ; N: Survey No.59 S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.64
16	8	0	6	23.05.2022	SRJ-1-01611/ 2022-23	**Venkataramanappa & Others :** E: Survey,no.9 ; W: Survey,no.7 N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.8 S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.8
17	8	0	7	23.05.2022	SRJ-1-01610/ 2022-23	**Chinnappa & Others :** E: Survey,no.9 ; W: Survey,no.7 N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.8 S: Survey,no.1 ;
18	66	0	7	25.05.2022	SRJ-1-01661/ 2022-23	**Lakshmamma & Others :** E: Survey,no.65 ; W: Survey, no.69. N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66 S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no.66
19	66	0	22	24.05.2022	SRJ-1-01623/ 2022-23	**Srinivas & Others :** E: Survey,no.65 ; W: Survey,no.69 N: Survey,no.58 ; S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no
20	66	0	20	25.07.2022	SRJ-1-03576/ 2022-23	**Venkatappa & Others :** E: Sy,no.65 ; W: Sy,no.69 N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy,no
21	64	0	13	06.12.2023	SRJ-1-08122/ 2023-24	**Pillamma & Others** : E: Property Of Dunappa @ Yellappa W:property In Sy.no. 58 ; N: remaining portion of the same Sy No. 64 ; S: Land In Sy No. 65 & Remaining Portion Of The Same Sy No. 64
22	23	0	5	16.03.2022	SRJ-1-07426- 2021-22	**Muniyellappa & Ors.** : E: Land In Sy. Nos. 25 & 26, W: Land In Sy. No. 21, N: Land In Sy. No. 22, S: Land In Sy. No. 24.
23	64	0	10	05.12.2023	SRJ-1-08128- 2023-24	**Sri. Sadappa & Ors.** : E: Remaining Portion Of The Same Sy.no. 64, W: Land In Sy.no. 59 And 60, N: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy. No. 64, S: Remaining Portion Of Same Sy.no. 64.
Total Extent		11 acres	37.5 guntas			

Given under my hand & Seal of the Court, this 6th day of APRIL 2026

ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER : NAUSHAD AK, Advocate,
3rd Floor, 18/3, Avenue Road Shantinagar,
Bangalore 560027.

By Order of the Court,
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

MAHANAGARA PALIKE, KALABURAGI.

Ph.: 08472/ 278675, Fax: 08472 / 260776, E-mail : itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No: KMP/EE/TS-02/ 15th FC/2025-26 Date : 15.04.2026.

KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 01/2026-27

1) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi invites 11 tenders as per KTPP Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through KPPP Portal 2.0 for works in KW- 1,3&4 Tender bid documents under 15th FC 2024-25 Savings, 15th FC 2024-25 C.O.W, 15th FC 2024-25 & 2025-26 C.O.W, 15th FC 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25 Savings and 15th FC 2025-26 Grant for 15 Days Tender.

The bid documents can download from KPPP Portal website and any information related to these tenders will be updated on **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** 2) Estimate Sanction cost: lowest amount Rs. 5.00 lakhs & Highest amount Rs. 121.00 lakhs. 3) EMD Value: Lowest Rs. 10,500.00 & Highest Rs. 1,59,700.00, 4) Pre Bid Meeting date: 21.04.2026 upto 11-00 am. 5) Last date of Bid Submission: 21.04.2026 upto 4-30 pm., 6) Technical Bid Opening date: 22.04.2026 upto 4-35 pm. 7) Financial Bid Opening date: 23.04.2026 after 11:30 am. 8) Office Address : Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. 9) For more details visit Office Website http://www.kalaburagicity.mrc.gov.in/

Note: All subsequent corrigendum/amendment shall be published only on website and not in press. Hence, tenderers are advoised to always be in touch with our said website until the tender is finally opened.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.
DIPR/Kalaburagi/35/KSMC&A/2026-27

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, No.4/10, Mytree Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068

TENDER CUM E-AUCTIONFOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET UNDER SARFAESI Act, 2002
[See proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
Public Notice for Sale of Immovable Property/ Security Asset

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantor(s) that the property more fully described hereunder **("Secured Asset")** mortgaged to ICICI Bank Limited **("Secured Creditor")**, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without any recourse" basis, as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Name of Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:	Amount Outstanding:	
Borrower: M/s. Hyderabad Handloom Centre: Maradi, J N Market, Chowdeswari Temple Street, Bengaluru – 560 002 **Mortgagor (Also Guarantor):** G N Ashirvad and G N Chiranjeevi, both residing at No. 10, CKC Garden, Lalbagh Road, 2nd Cross, Bengaluru – 560 027 **Guarantors:** G. N. Prakash; G.N. Panduranga; G N Ramesh; G N Jagadesh G N Padmabai; G N Ganesh; G N Jamunabai; G N Venkatesh; G N Sathyanarayana	Rs. 3,18,58,177.09/- As on November 02, 2024 As Per Demand Notice Issued U/s 13(2) of The Act, And Present Dues of Rs. 2,29,45,202.72 As on April 01, 2026, Together With Further Interest, Cost And Charges Thereon	
Details Of Immovable Property/secured Asset: **Plot/site No.311,** Formed In Sy. Nos 74 To 79, Measuring East To West 18.22 Mts And North To South 12.20 Mts, In All Measuring 222.284 Sq.mts (More or Less) Situated At Akkithimmanahalli Village, Bengaluru (Location Known As Municipal New No.311, Pid No: 70-70-311, **Longford Gardens, Akkithimmanahalli Layout, Ward No. 70, 9th Cross Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 027)** Bounded By: East By: Road; West By: Property No. 312; North By: Property No. 310; South By: Road	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 5,50,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 55,00,000/-	**Date And Time of E-Auction: May 07, 2026** From 11:00 A.m To 12:00 P.m, With Unlimited Extension of Five Minutes Each.

1. The Secured Asset shall be sold by Tender cum e-Auction through ICICI Bank's approved service provider M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited (Disposal Hub) (https://DisposalHub.com).
2. This Notice for Sale is also sent to the Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors at the addresses last known to the Bank. This Notice may also be treated as notice issued to them under the said Rules.
3. The intending bidder shall pay the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") before 3:00 P.M of May 06, 2026 by way of crossed demand draft/pay order from a Scheduled Bank/ Nationalised Bank drawn in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited, A/c M/s. Hyderabad Handloom Centre" payable at par in all branches, or through NEFT/RTGS remitted in the designated account, A/c No. 0104SL0COLLN, IFSC Code: ICICI0000104, Account Name: ICICI Bank-Inland Collections-Liabilities.
4. Bids in the prescribed formats given in the Tender Document shall be submitted to "The Authorised Officer, ICICI Bank Ltd, No.4/10, Mytree Centre, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068" either by electronic mode or physical mode, along with documentary evidence, KYC documents (self-attested copy of PAN card, proof in support of identity and address) as attachment to the bid form along with proof of payment of EMD amount by way of RTGS/ NEFT/Demand Draft/ Pay Order, before 3:00 P.M. May 06, 2026.
5. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD immediately on the same day of auction or not later than next working day and balance within 15 days of confirmation of sale of the property.
6. The property shall not be sold below the reserve price. Incremental bid for inter-se bidding is in multiples of ₹ 3,00,000/-. The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties, transfer charges, registration expenses, fees etc. The payment of all statutory/non- statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc., owing to anybody, shall be the sole responsibility of successful bidder/purchaser only.
7. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the Secured Asset. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of Secured Asset put for auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the Secured Asset, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation of the Bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues.
8. The intending purchasers/bidders shall not be entitled to raise any objection as to area, boundary or title or other particulars, as the same are believed to be and shall be taken as correct and if any error or misstatement or omission if discovered in the particulars of the Secured Asset, the same shall not annul the sale nor shall be entitled to any compensation from the Bank or its Officers and no complaint for compensation of any nature will be entertained.
9. The sale shall be subject to terms and conditions as incorporated in this public notice and as prescribed in Bid/Tender Document. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any tender/bid or to modify the terms and conditions of the sale or adjourn/extend/postpone the sale/e-auction, without assigning any reason thereof.
10. For any clarifications with regards to property particulars, inspection, auction sale, terms and conditions of auction, submission of tenders, kindly contact Bank official on Phone No: +91-8971944211 between 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on working days of the Bank.

Date: April 16, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH

Authorized Officer's Details:
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Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor,
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APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
E-AUCTION SALE ON 06.05.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Mortgagers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is"** basis on **06.05.2026** for recovery **Rs.44,50,695.00** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five Only) as on 10.04.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 11.04.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the Borrowers **Sri Vishal Ganesh Sarag and Smt. Pranita Vishal Sarag.**

The reserve price, earnest money deposit & bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.43,77,000/-	Rs.4,37,700/-	Rs.50,000/-	10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.on 06.05.2026	On or before 06.05.2026 up to 10.00 A.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property ID- 200055216638
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Survey No. 12/1, measuring 12.15 guntas [132531.5 Sq. feet], situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the jurisdiction of CMC-Hebbagodi, Ward No. 26 and bounded as follows: **East by**: Portion of the Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Chandrakala, **West by**: Portion of the Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Bharathi M, **North by**: Sy. No. 12/1 and **South by**: Private property.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Survey No. 13/1, measuring 12.15 guntas [132531.5 Sq. feet], situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the jurisdiction of CMC-Hebbagodi, Ward No. 26 and bounded as follows: **East by**: Private property, **West by**: Portion of the property gifted to Sarawathi M, **North by**: Sy. No. 12/1 and **South by**: Private property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Un-divided share sold under this Deed): **359** Sq. ft undivided share, right, title and interest of land in the total land of Item No. 1 and 2 of Schedule 'A' property referred to above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Subject matter of this Sale Deed)

All thepiece and parcel of Flat bearing **No. T-09** bearing CMC Hebbagodi Khatha No. 12/1, 13/1, TF//T-09 Sl. No. 9284 (within Ward 26 of CMC-Hebbagodi)in **Third Floor** constructed over the Schedule 'A' property contains 2 Bed Rooms, one with attached bath, Kitchen cum Dinning a common bath cum toilet, Living room with one car parking space and the super built are measuring 1150 Sq. ft of the Apartment known as **"KRITAN IRIS"** together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in Schedule 'B' property referred to above, along with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use and schedule 'C' Flat is bounded by: - **East by**: 6 Meter Wide Corridor, **West by**: Flat No. T-10, **North by**: Flat No. T-03 and **South by**: 6 Meter Wide Corridor.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp.Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002 Telephone: 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, M/s KN Resolutions Pvt Ltd. Representative: Sri. V Pradeep Kumar, Cell No.9535052772

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in PSB Alliance Pvt Limited,**https:// baanknet.com** and **www.sbi.co.in**

NOTE: Sale of property is brought under "**AS IS WHERE IS**", "**AS IS WHAT IS**" and "**WHATEVER THERE IS**"condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity bill, Water bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha & property tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Date: 13.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

EDITORIAL

"We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or we will perish together as fools" — Martin Luther King Jr

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— Ramnath Goenka

ANSWER TO SOUTH'S DELIMITATION WOES LIES IN LOK SABHA

A full-blown controversy erupted after the contents of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill and Delimitation Bill to be taken up in Parliament from April 16 became public. Though they represent a landmark gender justice initiative to enhance women's participation in Assemblies and Parliament, a close reading of the drafts shows delimitation is the umbilical for operationalising the 33 percent quota for women. Articles 82 and 170 of the Constitution mandate delimitation to redraw constituency boundaries after every Census so that each representative in the legislature speaks for roughly the same population size. That imperative would be shelved through an amendment that delinks delimitation from the ongoing 2026 Census. Also, the population for seat allocation is sought to be shifted from the 1971 data to whichever Census "Parliament may by law determine". The stated intention of the entire exercise is to enhance seats in the Lok Sabha from the present 543 to 850, thus carving out 281 seats exclusively for women.

Delimitation was in deep freeze for decades due to population imbalance—stabilised in the South, but not in the North. That genie is about to re-emerge, as one of the proposed amendments allows delimitation based on the latest available Census, which for now is the 2011 one. It goes against the executive's earlier assurance of proportional increase of seats for all states whenever delimitation kicks in. Analysts reckon that the 2011 benchmark would translate into a drastic reduction of proportional seats in the South, with Tamil Nadu being the biggest loser as its post-delimitation representation in the Lok Sabha would climb from 39 to merely 50, not 61 seats if the present percentage was maintained—a net loss of 11. In contrast, Uttar Pradesh would be the biggest gainer, from 80 to 138—with 13 more through the 2011 benchmark.

Constitutional amendments require a special majority for passage in each House—by a simple majority of the total membership and at least two-thirds of those present and voting. Since the present strength of the Lok Sabha is 540, at least 360 members will have to vote for the Bills if all are present, but the ruling NDA has only 293. In other words, the opposition will have to pitch in for the legislation to sail through.

Tamil Nadu has been the most vociferous against delimitation, with Chief Minister M K Stalin warning that the state would come to a standstill if the Bills pass. It's up to the opposition to show it can stay united and fight it out in the Lok Sabha. Their resolve would be under test.

BJP'S BIHAR MOMENT IS SIGNIFICANT, NOT SETTLED

THE BJP must have heaved a collective sigh of relief when it finally secured the chief minister's seat in Bihar—the one Hindi heartland state that had eluded it for decades. Yet, two concerns persist. First, it remains only a senior partner in a coalition, holding barely four seats more than the JD(U) and falling much short of a majority. Second, Samrat Choudhary does not come from the core of the Sangh parivar; his career reflects multiple affiliations. Even so, this moment closes a long arc that began when Lalu Prasad Yadav ordered the arrest of L K Advani to halt the Rath Yatra in October 1990. Since then, the national party has relentlessly pursued power in the state.

Choudhary carries a heavy burden as he seeks to establish acceptance. Nitish Kumar's long tenure overshadows him, and his actions will be closely scrutinised. As he settles into routine governance, he will have to engage the JD(U) with caution, given Nitish's continued presence and the socialist lineage that connects his father, Shakuni Choudhary, to Nitish from the Samata Party years. At the same time, he will try to consolidate his standing among the Koeris (Kushwahas), a significant backward class after Yadavs and Kurmis, to which he belongs. He must also ensure that the NDA's emphasis on law and order, in contrast to the opposition's alleged 'jungle raj' record, does not weaken. If he reviews Nitish Kumar's policies, particularly prohibition, he will need to proceed carefully, given the enduring support the policy secured among women. One advantage will remain unchanged: access to central resources under the double-engine arrangement.

Politically, the BJP may now seek to widen its reach in Bihar beyond caste alignments and mobilise support along its ideological framework. However, this is not easy as it must first establish itself as Bihar's primary political force. Nitish Kumar's personal appeal, his ability to retain a secular image across alignments, and the RJD's hawkish efforts to question Choudhary's past positions will keep both the government and its leader on their toes. In this setting, missteps will carry costs and incremental gains are more likely than dramatic shifts.

QUICK TAKE

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

A 'child support' case concerning cats in Bengaluru has netizens raising eyebrows and scratching heads over the ethics of pet parenting. One parent's tomcat impregnated the neighbours' queen. So far, so common in our urban jungles. But trouble brewed when four kittens were born and the not-so-happy neighbour dumped the litter at the tommy's parents' home, who refused to house them. The conflict came to such a pass that police officials from the Seshadripuram station had to settle the dispute by finding other ailurophiles to take care of the kittens. This shines light on the duties that come with pet parenting. A parent who does not want to look after the offspring must have him neutered or her spayed. Otherwise, they must share the responsibility.

Islamabad has inserted itself into Washington's strategic calculus through an opportunistic deal. India, with its civilisational links and no Shia-Sunni conflict, has a more consequential hand to play

TIME TO USE THE CARDS UP INDIA'S SLEEVE

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SOURAV ROY

IT is not surprising that a section of the Indian commentariat was rattled when Pakistan hosted what may prove to be the most consequential direct dialogue between the United States and Iran since the Islamic Revolution. The meeting at Islamabad's Serena Hotel—an enduring symbol of the Aga Khan's contribution to Pakistani *mehmaan-nawazi*—brought together Vice President J D Vance and Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, with Islamabad positioning itself as the convening power behind the encounter.

The shock was understandable. The conclusions drawn from it, however, have been largely misplaced.

Pakistan's achievement in Islamabad was primarily about optics and its foundations remain fragile. A country associated in recent memory with exporting instability and terror, dependent on IMF bailouts and grappling with internal fractures has managed, briefly, to present itself as a moderate Muslim interlocutor with convening authority.

But this should not surprise us. What is at work is a familiar pattern—what might be called *chalaki* in Urdu—the Kautilyan dexterity with which Rawalpindi and Islamabad have inserted themselves into Trump's strategic calculus through a mix of flattery, transactional engagement bordering on skullduggery and opportunism.

As the American South Asia expert Stephen P Cohen observed during the Cold War in the 1980s, India would at times deny him a visa while General Zia-ul-Haq offered him a plane to the Afghan border. Pakistan's centralised, praetorian decision-making structure allow for a nimbleness that India's bureaucracy often cannot match. Its longstanding partnership with China only reinforces this flexibility.

Yet, this moment is unlikely to endure. No agreement emerged from the meeting and none may be imminent despite the hopes floated. Any progress would have to contend with a fragmented Iran negotiating from a position of constraint, an unpredictable American administration led by a deranged President oscillating between deal-making and denunciation, and a Pakistani state whose domestic legitimacy continues to erode. What took place at the Serena Hotel may amount to little more than an Andy Warhol-esque 15 minutes of fame. The architecture of this diplomacy may appear elegant; its foundations are less certain.

This is precisely the moment for India to think more clearly—and more ambitiously—about its own strengths, which it has consistently underutilised. India's assets in the extended neighbourhood are not Pakistan's; they are of an entirely different order. Where Pakistan offers tactical flexibility and geographic utility, India brings something rarer: the accumulated authority of a democracy that has, over millennia, engaged with the Persian world, Central Asia, the Gulf and the Indian Ocean region not as a colonial extractor, but as a civilisation in sustained dialogue and whose contemporary record, for the most, is true to that legacy. This is not rhetoric. It is a strategic asset—if India chooses to use it.

The question is whether Indian foreign policy has the imagination to match these strengths. India's strategic culture has often been more comfortable with restraint than initiative, more fluent in the grammar of hedging than in the practice of shaping regional architecture. When a rival scores a diplomatic success, the instinct is to critique rather than to rethink. The Islamabad moment demands precisely that rethinking.

India's relationship with Iran runs deeper than anything Pakistan can offer. Persian shaped Mughal court culture, Urdu poetry and the administrative vocabulary of the subcontinent. Shia intellectual traditions in Iran resonate with longstanding institutions in India—from Lucknow's imambara culture to scholarly exchanges across centuries. These are not mere soft-power talking points; they are the foundations of a relationship that can be activated with political will.

These connections are not only historical; they are also personal and lived. In my own family, an heirloom survives in the form of the *Sikandarnama*, a *khamsa* by 12th-century Persian poet Nizami, written in exquisite calligraphy by my great-grandfather. It is a reminder that these civilisational ties were not distant abstractions, but part of a shared cultural inheritance—one that can still inform contemporary statecraft. The deep ethnic fault lines—along the lines that exist between Shias and Sunnis in Pakistan—have no resonance in India.

Similarly, India's standing in the Gulf—built on decades of labour migration, remittances and the quiet contribution of millions of Indian workers—has created a reservoir of goodwill that neither Pakistan nor China can replicate. The Arab street does not conflate India with its adversaries. That, too, is a strategic advantage, if recognised as such.

Equally, India's relationship with Israel adds another layer to this strategic profile. What may appear, in narrower geopolitical frames, as a zero-sum alignment is better understood as evidence of India's ability to sustain diverse partnerships. The capacity to engage Israel while retaining credibility across the Arab world and Iran is not a liability; it is a diplomatic strength. There have, of course, been tactical missteps. Narendra Modi's high-profile visit to Israel before the current war and the delay in formally conveying condolences on the death of Ali Khamenei created avoidable perceptions. But these are tactical errors, not strategic contradictions. They should be acknowledged and then moved beyond.

None of this suggests that India should replicate Pakistan's role or seek to mediate in US-Iran relations. Instead, India should articulate its own strategic idiom, rooted in civilisational depth rather than transactional utility.

That means sustaining the partnership with Israel, while engaging Iran not merely through the lens of energy and sanctions, but as a long-term partner whose regional role matters independently of Washington's shifting priorities. It means treating Central Asia as a natural civilisational hinterland, not just a transit space. And it means leveraging India's democratic legitimacy and reputation as a responsible power to shape the broader regional order—proactively, not reactively.

The Islamabad meeting should not generate anxiety. Pakistan has demonstrated, once again, that even a State with limited resources can occasionally punch above its weight. India, with far greater resources and standing, has no excuse for punching below its own.

The last time I was at the Serena Hotel was for a Pugwash peace meeting, where President Pervez Musharraf engaged with a Track II delegation. That process lasted only weeks. This moment may last even less. *(Views are personal)*

ENSURING TO BORROW IS TO BUILD

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A new report, titled *From Borrowers to Builders*, presents numbers that, at first glance, should be cause for celebration. The study by TransUnion Cibil, Niti Aayog and MicroSave says Indian women now hold a formal credit portfolio worth ₹76 lakh crore—a 4.8-fold increase since 2017, outpacing the 2.9-fold growth recorded for borrowers overall. Credit penetration among women has risen from 19 percent in 2017 to 36 percent to 2025. Women with active business loans have grown at a 31 percent compound annual rate over the past three years, nearly double the pace of overall commercial credit.

However, once you move past the numbers, a more complicated picture emerges—one that raises a question the report points toward but does not quite answer: credit for what, exactly? And on whose terms?

Consider the composition of first loans. As women enter the formal credit sector, their borrowings are not for business investment or education. Comprising gold loans, consumer durables and personal loans, such first-time formal credit finances consumption. While not undesirable in themselves, these are the products financial systems find easiest to sell to women—low-ticket, collateral-backed and tied to household expenditure rather than enterprise ambition.

The report notes housing finance is one secured category where women show rising participation. However, much of this is as co-applicants, riding on a husband's or father's application to access stamp duty concessions. Is that financial inclusion or financial adjacency?

The report also highlights the microfinance segment's attempts at inclusion. For two decades, joint-liability group lending to women from low-income households has been held up as the gold standard of inclusive finance. It has genuinely lifted millions. However, faced with over-indebtedness and rising non-performing assets, lenders have turned to existing borrowers rather than expanding the base. The share of first-time women borrowers in microfinance originations has slipped from 28 percent in 2022 to 24 percent in 2025. Expanding financial inclusion requires widening the system, not merely deepening it.

The report's most valuable—yet most unsettling—section is its field research among rural women nano-entrepreneurs in Kerala and Madhya Pradesh running tiny businesses, owning smartphones and with 60-70 percent accepting digital payments. By standard metrics, the recorded 161 women entrepreneurs are digitally included. However, the researchers find that digital access is not the same as digital agency. Transactions are often assisted by family members. Decisions over credit, pricing and procurement are frequently not the woman's own.

In Kerala, 38 percent of women entrepreneurs reported 'time poverty'—the double burden of running a business while managing a household—as the principal barrier to sustained digital engagement.

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> A new report shows many more women are accessing formal credit. While it's commendable, we must ask to what extent they help when access does not mean agency and 'time poverty' is rampant. We need to look beyond disbursement volumes at politically unattractive metrics

This points to a structural problem no amount of UPI adoption can fix on its own. India's formal economy has historically been built around a model of the economically visible citizen—someone with a salary slip, a tax record or a provident fund account. Women running nano-enterprises out of their homes, trading in cash and embedded in informal networks have never fit that model. Digital finance has helped, but the report is candid that women's digital footprints are often thin, inconsistent and interrupted.

Three things actually need to change. First, lenders and policymakers must stop treating access as the finish line. Nearly two-thirds of credit-eligible Indian women still have no formal loan. Of those who do, nearly half have held only a single product in their lifetimes. The report recommends tracking graduation rates, multi-product holding and enterprise growth rather than raw disbursement volumes. While these initiatives may make the numbers suddenly look unimpressive and politically undesirable, these are what need to be measured.

Second, the products themselves must change. Only 4.3 percent of women-owned businesses have access to the more flexible cash credit or overdraft facilities, compared to roughly 40 percent of businesses overall. This is not because women entrepreneurs are less creditworthy, defaulting at only 0.7 times the rate of the average borrower. It is because underwriting models, collateral requirements and documentation requirements are designed for borrowers who do not resemble the average Indian woman entrepreneur. What is needed is not special women's schemes with lower limits, but gender-intelligent product design: invoice-based credit for women suppliers or overdrafts underwritten against UPI transaction history.

Third, social architecture matters as much as financial architecture. Women adopt digital tools when peers, self-help groups and community institutions endorse them. Any serious strategy for deepening women's financial participation must work through these networks, not around them. A voice-enabled, vernacular-language credit application launched without a trusted intermediary will sit unused, but if the same product is introduced through a self-help group meeting, it will be adopted quickly.

Indian women have truly earned their place in the credit economy, navigating systems that were not designed for them and building enterprises after attending to their households. The data in the report is genuinely heartening but should not lull us into inaction. The credit revolution will be complete not when more women borrow, but when they borrow for the things they choose, in the amounts they need, with the autonomy to decide what happens next. *(Views are personal)*

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Ticking bomb

Ref: *Worries of food inflation* (Apr 15). With crude oil prices impacting every aspect of life, retail inflation is getting brewed and may get a wide burst no sooner than the retail fuel prices are hiked after the election is over. As growth projections go for a toss, experts must re-strategise.
R V Baskaran, Pune

Health balance

Ref: *Edu expectations* (Apr 15). Physical education must be as much a part of our school curriculum as social science, mathematics and language. A physically inactive body dampens mental alertness and has harmful consequences for mental health.
S M Visakh, Thiruvananthapuram

Space race

Ref: *The great PR gig in the sky* (Apr 15). The author's scepticism is worth taking seriously. If Artemis II's primary value is institutional visibility rather than scientific discovery, that deserves honest acknowledgement. Public funds at this scale require transparent justification—not mission objectives dressed as milestones already achieved decades ago.
Abbharna Barathi, email

Don's errands

Ref: *Don dials Modi* (Apr 15). Donald Trump is smart enough to utilise the right resources for the best possible geopolitical upshot. That's how he used Pakistan as an errand boy for negotiations on one side and is interacting with India for energy trade on the other. It's imperative for India to strike a right balance *sans* ambivalence in the present will-o'-the-wisp West Asia war.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Calculated move

Ref: *33% women's quota* (Apr 15). The government's strategic coupling is nothing short of a calculated smokescreen for political procrastination. By tethering a fundamental right to the complex, non-consultative machinery of restructuring, the State is effectively pushing gender parity into an indefinite future.
Vijaykumar H K, Raichur

Representation concerns

Ref: *End of Nitish era* (Apr 15). The appointment of Samrat Choudhary marks a decisive political shift. However, the transition also raises legitimate concerns regarding democratic mandate and accountability. Such shifts, while constitutionally valid, must align to the spirit of representative governance.
Vidyasagar Reddy Kethiri, Warangal

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POSTS OF THE DAY

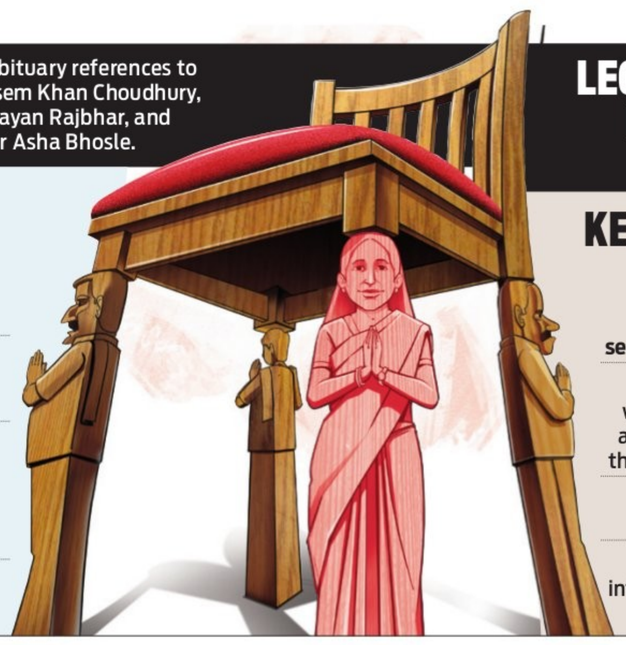
Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The Bills were uploaded on Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary. The delimitation provisions are an insult to his legacy and a reflection of his warning

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The BJP folks and their allies are sitting tight-lipped about the women of the country's largest population segment, meaning the 'backward classes'

NARI SHAKTI VANDAN ADHINIYAM

APRIL 16 Proceedings begin with obituary references to former members Abu Hasem Khan Choudhury, Mohsina Kidwai, Hari Narayan Rajbhar, and renowned playback singer Asha Bhosle.
Followed by laying of papers

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal to introduce: The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty-First Amendment) Bill, 2026
The Delimitation Bill, 2026; Home Minister Amit Shah to introduce:The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026



NUMBER GAME

For Lok Sabha (maximum strength 543 members, but current count is 540); In case of constituitional amendment, 360 votes needed if all members are present, which amounts to two-thirds of those voting

For Rajya Sabha (maximum strength is 250, but current count is 244; In case of constituitional amendment, 163 votes needed if all members are present, which amounts to two-thirds of those voting

Half of the states must ratify constituitional amendment

Opposition tally in LS: 234; Top 4 Opposition parties (Congress, SP, TMC and DMK) can come in the way of the govt's plan to get 2/3rd majority required to pass delimitation bill as they hold 186 seats; the govt needs 360 votes to pass the bill in Lok Sabha

Bottom line: Without the cross-party support, the bill cannot pass

Rajya Sabha math: Total strength is 244; Votes needed (if all present): 163; NDA tally is 141; Shortfall is 22 votes

Threshold can drop if Oppn abstains/absent

KEY PROPOSALS

Increase Lok Sabha strength from 543 up to 850 seats; of which 815 seats for states, 35 for UTs

One-third reservation for women to be implemented after delimitation based on the 'latest published census'

Total Lok Sabha debate time is 18 hours

PM Modi is expected to intervene in the discussions

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DELIMITATION AND RESERVATION

Delimitation may shift representational weight towards northern states with higher population growth, says Opposition

Some states may perceive this as a relative loss of representation

Govt's proposed delimitation legislation is linked to the rollout of 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies; govt says there will be proportionate increase in seats across all states

There should be no politics in giving reservations to women in Lok Sabha & Legislative Assemblies. All political parties are united for Nari Shakti... The share of the states will rise uniformly. There is no question of squeezing any state. The Union Govt has acted in the spirit of cooperative federalism

Kiran Rijiju, Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Govt rules out injustice to any state and this will be clearly explained in Parliament ● Delimitation to put smaller, southern states at a disadvantage: Opposition

'Proportionate LS expansion, no loss to Southern states'

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE Centre's proposed delimitation legislation, linked to the rollout of 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures, seeks to expand the strength of the Lok Sabha through a proportionate increase in seats across all states while preserving the existing balance of representation, according to government sources.

The proposal envisages a 50 per cent rise in the total number of Lok Sabha seats, from the current 543 to up to 850—with each state's representation increasing proportionately. Sources emphasised that the exercise is designed to ensure that no state, particularly in southern India, suffers any reduction in its relative share.

"The existing proportions will be preserved, even as the overall strength rises by 50 per cent. Each state's seat count will increase by a similar margin," a government source said, adding that the principle underlying the proposal is a uniform, proportionate expansion rather than redistribution based solely on population shifts.

Sources also clarified that the 2011 Census, used as a reference for governance and welfare schemes, will not serve as a binding benchmark for determining seat allocation in the delimitation exercise. Instead, the government's approach aims to balance demographic considerations with "federal equity."

Under the proposed formula, all states would see an increase in their current seat tally by half, thereby maintaining proportional representation without triggering regional imbalances. For instance, Tamil Nadu's representation would rise from 39 seats to 59, compared to 49 seats if based strictly on the 2011 Census. Kerala would increase from 20 to 30 seats, higher than the 23 projected under a 2011 census-only model. Andhra Pradesh would see its tally go from 25 to 37 seats, Odisha from 21 to 31, and Telangana from 17 to 25, sources said.

Govt backs use of '11 Census

Defending the approach, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said concerns over the use of the 2011 Census are misplaced. He pointed out that the same dataset underpins multiple government programmes and welfare schemes that benefit states.

Government sources reiterated that the intent is to ensure fairness and avoid disadvantaging any region. "The seats will increase proportionally for every state. There is no question of injustice to any state. This will be clearly be explained in the parliament," refuting the charges from the opposition that the draft version of the legislation circulated among lawmakers does not specify the exact percentage increase.

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Won't allow passage of bill based on 2011 Census, says Cong

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH a united Opposition set to vote against the delimitation-related provisions in the Constitution Amendment Bill, the special session of Parliament, beginning on Thursday, appears to be heading for a high-voltage confrontation as the Union government moves to introduce amendments to the Women's Reservation Act, which mandates one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

Amendments to the Women's Reservation Act will be brought for its implementation in 2029 during the three- day sitting. The proposed amendments, tied to constitutional provisions on delimitation, have triggered sharp political divisions despite broad agreement across parties on the law.

While the ruling NDA has defended the Bill, asserting that its provisions are clear and that no state will face injustice, the Opposition has intensified its stance, arguing that the Delimitation Bill would strip southern states, which have successfully implemented population control measures, of their rightful political representation.

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, scheduled to be introduced in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, will be a key test for the government as it faces uncertainty over securing the two-thirds majority required for its passage. The bill proposes carrying out delimitation based on the 2011 census data, along with an increase in the strength of the Lok Sabha to 850 seats to enable early implementation of the 33 per cent women's reservation.

In the current Lok Sabha of 540 members, the ruling NDA commands the support of 294 MPs, while the Opposition has 234 members. For the passage of the Bill, it needs at least 360 votes, if all members are present. After a joint meeting of the INDIA bloc leaders on Wednesday, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said that the parties have decided to vote against the proposed bill on delimitation.

'Severe blow to federal balance'

"Even assuming that the proposed Delimitation Commission ensures a pro-rata increase in seats, it would still deliver a severe blow to federal balance. In politics, absolute numbers far matter more than mere ratios," said CPM MP John Brittas.

Echoing the view, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that the Congress will not allow the Women Reservation Bill to be implemented based on the 2011 census, as there is no data on backward communities in it. Several Opposition leaders from Southern states have raised concerns that if delimitation is carried out based on the 2011 Census instead of the 1971 Census, seats in the northern states will surge dramatically, while the representation of the South will shrink or stagnate.

However, Opposition parties strongly objected to delimitation, arguing that it could put smaller states and southern states at a disadvantage.

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WOMEN'S QUOTA: WHY THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW

SHOBHA KARANDLAJE
Union Minister of State for MSME, Labour and Employment

WHILE taking my first oath as a minister, I looked around the packed room and made a count. The number of women present could be counted on a single hand. This visual left a mark as a clear indication of the long distance women were yet to traverse in the public sphere.

I belong to a small village in coastal Karnataka where women have always shown resilience. I know what it meant to channel that strength into public life. Not every woman gets such a chance.

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam was passed in September 2023. Now comes the difficult part: keeping the word. A democracy which cannot ensure half its citizens are a part of decision-making remains a work in progress. The Adhiniyam is an important step towards completing this endeavour.

When women are at the table, the focus of legislation changes. Panchayati raj institutions, where 33% reservation for women was implemented decades ago, show a measurable shift in priorities. More budgets were allocated to water, health, education and nutrition. There was less tolerance for corruption, more accountability to communities.

I have heard the argument that women should rise "on their own merit". I respect the sentiment, but I reject the premise. Merit does not exist in a vacuum. It flourishes where opportunity exists.

For generations, structural barriers—social, economic and cultural—have kept brilliant women out of politics. Women were initially dismissed when they entered panchayats in large numbers. Eventually, in study after study, they were rated as more effective, more accessible and more honest than their male counterparts. When given a fair chance, women lead.

My experience in government has taught me that those in the room determine what is discussed. Women legislators push for maternal health funding when it would otherwise be cut. They flag the gendered impact of policies. They bring constituency concerns that male colleagues simply do not encounter.

A third reservation in Parliament and state Assemblies means that these voices will not be exceptional. They will be structural. Permanent. Impossible to ignore.

This is a moment that belongs to all of us—not to any one party, but to Parliament as an institution. What we owe to the women of India now is urgency—in conducting the Census, completing delimitation and ensuring not a day is lost.

I understand the concerns around implementation, rotation of reserved seats, proxy candidates, sunset clauses. These are legitimate debates, but we need to ensure that this gets immediate attention. The principle is sound. The need is urgent. Let us not allow the perfect to be an enemy of the transformative.

Tough to call belief of millions wrong: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

A nine-judge constitutional bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday observed that "the most difficult task (for a court) is how to give a declaration that the belief of millions of people is wrong or erroneous". The observation was made during the hearing of review pleas against the 2018 Sabarimala judgment.

On the fourth consecutive day, Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Travancore Devaswom Board, argued: "Religion is a set of beliefs and practices followed by a group/sect/denomination with a broadly similar identity. Thereby, the court cannot sit in judgment of that belief. The Court cannot decide the validity of a religious practice in a PIL without hearing the believers. Religion is a faith of millions; a third party should not be allowed to find direct access to Article 32 to change it."

Justice B V Nagarathna responded that the Court would decline to entertain a PIL questioning a religious practice if the aggrieved person is absent, dismissing it as filed by a third party or an interloper.

Singhvi reiterated that courts cannot decide the validity of religious practices in PILs without hearing believers, and said the Sabarimala issue cannot be resolved in abstract constitutional terms without appreciating the deity's unique religious character.

"The facts surrounding the worship of Lord Ayyappa are integral to assessing the legality of the practice under Articles 14 and 15. The Sabarimala temple is distinct because it worships Lord Ayyappa in the specific form of a Naisthika Brahmachari, meaning an eternal celibate who has renounced the grihastha ashram," he submitted.

He added that community practices must be judged by subjective belief, which courts are bound to accept. He also told the bench that the exclusion of women between the age of 10 and 50 has a direct nexus with the object, identity and manifestation of the deity.

The Court also orally observed that in the name of social welfare and reform, one cannot hollow out religion, noting that shared beliefs ultimately reflect a "relationship between man and God".

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC restores honours to ex-IAF official

The Supreme Court on Wednesday revoked the order of wrongful termination from service of a former Indian Air Force official passed more than three decades ago and restored his honours. A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and K V Viswanathan found that disproportionate punishment was given to ex-squadron leader.

CJI appreciates outgoing Justice

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Wednesday hailed the achievements of outgoing Supreme Court judge Justice Rajesh Bindal saying he did not merely performed the "adjudicatory role" as a judge, but also discharged the institutional functions with integrity and had an unparalleled case disposal rate.

Stale cheques is deficiency in service: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday said banks act as agents for their customers and are under a "statutory obligation" to exercise due diligence and present a cheque for collection before it becomes "stale" as such a negligence constitutes a manifest deficiency in service.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan held the Canara Bank guilty of deficiency in service for failing to present cheques within their validity period, while reducing the compensation awarded to the complainants.

"A bank receiving cheques for collection acts as an agent of the customer and is under an obligation to exercise due diligence in presenting the instruments within the prescribed validity period. The failure to do so, resulting in the instrument becoming stale, would result in negligence in the discharge of banking duties," Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, who authored the 57-page verdict, said.

Urban Challenge Fund to focus on tier-II & tier-III cities, says Khattar

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday launched the operational guidelines for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), which is aimed at transforming urban infrastructure through market-linked competitive financing. The government had made allocation for it in the Union budget. The Centre will provide financial support to transformative and bankable urban projects through competitive "challenge-mode" through this fund.

The UCF focuses on Tier II and Tier III cities. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal said that the fund intends to position cities as "bankable assets through targeted reforms, strengthened institutional capacity, improved governance and planning frameworks, and the development of sustainable revenue-generating urban infrastructure".

He said that while the fund would have a Central assistance of ₹1,00,000 crore, it is designed in such a way that it could mobilise nearly four times the amount through market-based financing. He added that the Central aid for each project would be limited to 25 per cent of its full cost, while at least 50 per cent of funding would be mobilised through municipal bonds, bank loans, and public-private partnerships, which, he said, would ensure financial discipline and encourage private participation.

Out of the total Central outlay, ₹90,000 crore has been earmarked for funding projects, ₹5,000 crore for project preparation and capacity building, and the remaining ₹5,000 crore for the Credit Repayment Guarantee Sub-Scheme. The subscheme is directed at smaller cities, including in Tier II and Tier III categories and towns in hilly and Northeastern regions, by enabling them to access market-based financing through credit guarantees.

Lal urged states to participate enthusiastically in the scheme and submit project proposals for the UCF. He asked state officials not to view the scheme as just another government scheme, but as an opportunity to build globally competitive, resilient, and investment-ready cities. His ministry has already set up a committee to review the projects for the UCF and proposed to release the required funds by September. He added that the next phase requires cities to become investment-ready and financially sustainable.

ELIGIBILITY

Cities with a projected '25 population of 10L+

industrial cities (manufacturing & services) with a projected 2025 population of 1L

ULBs in hill states/ UTs, Northeastern States; and ULBs with population below 1 L

PROJECTS ADMISSIBLE UNDER UCF

● Digital governance ● Projects for decongestion ● Revitalisation of old city areas; 5-20 square kilometer (sqkm) ● Non-motorised transport ● Walkways ● Transit Hub upgradation ● Transit Oriented infrastructure development ● Integrated waste processing ● Flyovers Riverfront development

AMRIT SNAN

The Ardh Kumbh Mela, scheduled to be held in Uttarakhand's Haridwar in 2027, will feature a total of 10 major bathing festivals, including three 'amrit snans', the mela administration announced.

9 DEAD

3 HURT IN VAN CRASH IN MAHARASHTRA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	26	Mumbai	34	27
Bhopal	38	24	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	37	23	Patna	37	27
Amritsar	34	21	Lucknow	36	25
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	22	08	Chandigarh	35	23

The Contested Vote: Bengal's tribal seats head into another battle ● Community angry with TMC's 'indifference' to demand for ST status

Sixteen seats, four elections and no clear winner

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

Year	Left Front	AITC (TMC)	BJP	Analysis
2021	0	10	6	BJP Dooars gains
2016	0	16	0	AITC dominance
2011	2	13	0	AITC breakthrough
2006	14	0	0	Left era peak

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

State per capita: **₹1.4 lakh** vs ST districts **₹85-92K** (Purulia/Jalpaiguri)

157,000 tribals displaced by coal mining (1980s)

1.4 million tribals displaced nationally 1947-2000

<5% govt jobs despite reservations

High seasonal migration: Purulia/Bankura — Assam tea, Bihar kilns

KEY ISSUES

Fake ST certificates: Kurmi/Mahato infiltration sparks Junglemahal protests

FRA failure: Gram Sabhas sidelined

BJP Vanvasi strategy: 15-20% Christian STs in Dooars targeted

2026 outlook: 9M voter deletions threaten ST rolls

Kurmi agitation demanding Scheduled Tribe status in 2023 | FILE PIC

Land, Loss & Long Memories

For decades, governments—both the state and the Union have promised change in tribal areas. The Left, during its long tenure from 1977 to 2011, pushed land reforms under Operation Barga and strengthened panchayats. Many tribal families remained landless or survived as marginal farmers. Displacement added to the crisis. By the early 1980s, around 1.57 lakh tribals in coal belt had been uprooted by mining. Across India, around 14 lakh tribals were displaced between 1947 and 2000 due to dams, mines and industry—and Junglemahal was part of that story. Anger did not stay quiet. In the 1970s, the Uttar Bango Tapsili Jati O Adibasi Sangathan, led by Jugal Kishore Raybir in the Dooars, mobilised tribals around demands for land rights and administrative autonomy. These demands were heard, but rarely acted upon.

Many Communities, Many Realities

There is no single "tribal vote" in Bengal. The state's 53 lakh ST population comprises many communities, each with its concerns. Santals, the largest group, are spread across Junglemahal and parts of North Bengal. Their politics have focused on land rights, implementation of the Forest Rights Act and recognition of Santali language.

But smaller groups face a different reality. The Lodha, once labelled a "criminal tribe" under colonial rule, still struggle with stigma. The Birhor, a semi-nomadic community, and the tiny Toto population near the Bhutan border fight for basic survival, often outside the focus of mainstream politics.

Tensions also exist within these communities. One major flashpoint is the issue of fake ST certificates. Sections of Santals and others accuse Kurmi and Mahato groups of entering ST lists, leading to protests in parts of Junglemahal. And it is reshaping local politics.

BJP's Entry, TMC's Defence

The BJP's gains in 2021 did not happen overnight. Its strategy worked on two levels. First, it pushed an ideological line through the Sangh Parivar, projecting Adivasis as "Vanvasis"—forest-dwelling Hindus whose traditions are linked to Hinduism. In the Dooars, where a section of tribals are Christian, this narrative also targetted missionary influence. Second, the BJP positioned itself as an alternative in regions where people felt left out by both the Left and TMC. Years of groundwork by affiliated outfits, running schools, hostels and health camps. helped build that base.

TMC's pitch centred on Bengali identity. The 'Ma-Mati-Manush' slogan aimed to cut across caste and tribal lines by framing politics as a larger regional struggle.

Development Gap

Behind the electoral arithmetic lies a more fundamental problem. West Bengal's per capita net state domestic product stands at around ₹1.4 lakh. In ST-heavy Purulia and Jalpaiguri, the figure falls to roughly ₹85,000-₹92,000.

KURMIS MAY CHANGE LOYALTY, LIKELY TO DECIDE FATE OF TMC

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Kurmi community has emerged as a significant force capable of influencing the electoral fate of the Trinamool Congress in nearly 17-20 seats across the forest belt districts of Purulia, Bankura, Jhargram and West Midnapore in the southern part of the state.

Discontent over the Mamata Banerjee government's alleged indifference to the community's long-standing demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status has led to a shift in support towards the opposition BJP ahead of the upcoming elections.

Several constituencies record a Kurmi population share of around 25%-30%, including Purulia, Joypur, Baghmundi, Balarampur, Bandowan, Manbazar, Kashipur and Para in Purulia district; Raipur, Ranibandh and Taldangra in Bankura; Jhargram, Gopiballavpur, Binpur and Nayagram in Jhargram; Salboni, Midnapore Sadar, Keshpur and Kharagpur Gramin in West Midnapore; Balurghat and Harirampur in South Dinajpur; and Kaliaganj in North Dinajpur.

The community has traditionally supported the TMC since it came to power in 2011, with the party winning 15 of these 21 constituencies in the previous elections.

Many Kurmi candidates in fray as independents

Kurmi candidates are also contesting as independents in constituencies such as Jhargram, Kaliaganj and Harirampur. Ashoke Mahato, an independent candidate, said that Jhargram has around 34% Kurmi voters and BJP could gain following the shift in support from Kurmi organisations.

Abhijit Katiyar, a Jhargram-based law student and Kurmi activist, said several Kurmi organisations have appealed to the community to support the BJP in the elections, hoping the party would address their demand for ST status. He said Kurmis hold an average of over 25% vote share in around 20 constituencies in the Junglemahal region, making them highly influential in determining electoral outcomes.

He alleged that the state government has not responded to clarifications sought since 2017 by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under the Union Home Ministry regarding the ST status demand, leading to an identity crisis within the community, with Kurmis often being labelled as "diku" (outsiders) despite being native to the region.

C'garh begins process to implement UCC, former judge to head draft panel

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh cabinet on Wednesday decided to constitute a committee for preparing a draft for the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The committee will be headed by retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has been authorised by the cabinet to nominate the remaining members of the panel.

Chhattisgarh follows various personal laws based on religion regarding marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption. Citing Article 44 of the Constitution, the state government noted that a unified law is essential to simplify legal procedures, ensure gender equality, and remove discrepancies caused by diverse personal laws operational in the state.

The committee will invite suggestions from citizens, organisations and experts via digital outreach engaging the public. Once the panel submits its recommendations, the draft will undergo a review and approval process by the cabinet before being tabled in the House. The government's move apparently aims to establish a uniform civil justice system, governing every citizen by the same set of laws in personal and family matters.

In another significant decision, the cabinet approved a 50% reduction in registration fees for land/property registered in women's names.

Modi-Nitish model to continue: Samrat

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SAMRAT Choudhary, one of the two deputy chief ministers in the recently dissolved NDA government led by Nitish Kumar, on Wednesday took oath as Bihar's 24th chief minister, marking a new era and becoming the BJP's first leader to hold the top post in the state.

Two senior JD(U) leaders—Vijay Kumar Chaudhary and Bijendra Prasad Yadav—also took oath as ministers in the new cabinet and were designated as deputy chief ministers.

Governor Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain administered the oath of office to Choudhary and his two deputies at a simple ceremony held at Lok Bhavan. Choudhary's predecessor, Nitish Kumar, was also present.

Among those attending were BJP national president Nitin Nabin, Union ministers J P Nadda, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Jitan Ram Manjhi, Chirag Paswan, and RLM leader Upendra Kushwaha.

Newly-appointed Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary in Patna on Wednesday | PTI

Nitish Kumar, now a Rajya Sabha MP, had resigned as chief minister on Tuesday. Choudhary, who also held the home portfolio in the Nitish cabinet, was elected leader of the NDA legislature party on Wednesday and later staked a claim to form the government.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Nitish Kumar, Nitin Nabin, and several senior leaders congratulated Samrat on taking office.

Soon after his swearing-in, Choudhary went to the Chief Minister's Secretariat and convened a meeting with top officials. In his first meeting, he made his intention clear—to follow the Modi-Nitish model of governance.

"I begin my work starting today itself. I assure the people of Bihar that the pace of development will be further accelerated," he told the media.

He said better coordination between the Centre and the state would give fresh momentum to development, and every effort would be made to meet public expectations.

Outlining his priorities, he emphasised strengthening law and order, creating employment opportunities, and expanding basic amenities. He directed officials to work at double speed to resolve public issues and strictly enforce a zero-tolerance policy on corruption.

He stressed that delays at any level—from the Chief Minister's office to the lower ranks—would not be tolerated. Public services at block offices, land offices, and police stations must improve, with timely grievance redressal. All departments, he said, must work in coordination, discipline, and sensitivity to build a developed and prosperous Bihar.

PM's Delhi-Dehradun e-way move a calculated electoral masterstroke

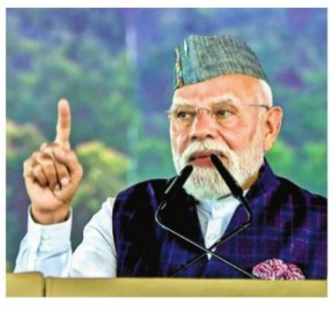
NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

WITH the inauguration of the ₹12,000-crore Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor on Ambedkar Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi signalled a development-first strategy ahead of the 2027 assembly elections.

Following an electrifying 12-kilometre roadshow, the PM addressed a massive gathering, highlighting that ₹2.25 lakh crore worth of development projects are transforming the state. His 29-minute speech was devoid of any mention of the Congress—a deliberate silence that signalled a new phase in the BJP's approach.

Rather than engaging in partisan friction, Modi centered his discourse on connectivity, economic growth, and the aspirations of 'Devbhoomi.'

A highlight of the event was his push for the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam'. By appealing for support regarding 50% reservation for women in elected bodies, Modi tapped into the power of Uttarakhand's female electorate. Also, his endorsement of CM Pushkar Singh Dhami as "hard-working and popular" provided a morale boost to the BJP cadre.



No mention of Cong in PM's 29-minute speech

During his massive rally in Dehradun on Tuesday, PM Modi had highlighted the big-ticket development projects in the state. His 29-minute speech was devoid of any mentions of the Opposition Congress, a deliberate silence that signalled a new phase in the BJP's approach.

Analysts view this as a calculated strategy: by prioritising infrastructure milestones and socio-economic empowerment, the BJP is attempting to insulate itself from traditional political manoeuvring.

Commenting on the shifting dynamics of the state's political landscape, Jai Singh Rawat, an expert on Uttarakhand's political affairs, told this newspaper, "Before leaving for Delhi, the PM delivered a clear message to the electorate: the upcoming electoral battle will be framed not by political antagonism, but by tangible progress and a unified vision for a developed, prosperous Uttarakhand."

Unpaid MGNREGA wage sparks Gujarat anger

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

WORKERS operating under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme in Gujarat are facing a difficult situation as many of them have not been paid for up to six months. Pressed to find alternative sources to meet their daily expenses, they have warned of a statewide agitation.

The situation has become particularly grim in regions like Saurashtra, where Una and Girgadha towns have emerged as worst-hit pockets.

Raising the alarm, Rakesh Kumar, president of the All Gujarat MGNREGA Employees Union, has said this is no ordinary delay. "Despite working continuously for months, MGNREGA workers and employees across Gujarat have not been paid for five to six months. This is not a minor delay. It reflects serious lapses in administrative functioning and fund management at the level of the state government," he said.

And as payments stall, consequences are being felt by workers and their families, given that MGNREGA is considered a lifeline scheme for the countryside. "The financial burden on workers' families has reached a breaking point. People are borrowing just to survive and finding it difficult to arrange for basic needs, especially in rural areas," he said.

According to the Ministry of Rural Development, Gujarat has 98.84 lakh workers registered under the MGNREGA scheme, out of which 20.69 lakh are active workers. Any delay in the distribution of wages disproportionately affects Scheduled Tribe workers, as they form 45.7% of all active workers in the state. The Centre says that in 2025–26, it released around ₹827 crore for the wages of MGNREGA workers.

Union members say that in villages across Saurashtra, daily wage earners are turning to loans, cutting down on essentials, and struggling to keep households afloat. The longer the delay persists, the deeper the economic wounds will grow, they argue.

The union has decided to escalate the matter now. It has demanded immediate clearance of pending wages and called for an accountable payment mechanism to prevent recurrence of such large gaps in wage distribution. "If immediate steps are not taken, we will be left with no option but to launch a statewide agitation," the union cautioned, signaling that the issue could soon transform into a political flashpoint.

Statewide agitation if not paid, warn workers

Many workers operating under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act scheme haven't been paid for up to six months and have warned of an agitation. The situation has become particularly grim in regions like Saurashtra, where Una and Girgadha towns have emerged as worst-hit pockets.

SRINAGAR DIARY

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Holding on to a fading transport tradition

Tonga (horse cart), once a lifeline of the city, is making an unexpected comeback in Srinagar, which remains bustled with modern traffic. The 70-year-old Ghulam Rasool Kumar is reviving the traditional mode of transport and bringing back memories of a time when life moved at a gentler pace. Kumar's horse-drawn tonga has become a moving symbol of nostalgia. A resident of downtown Habba Kadal, Kumar once operated tongas during their peak in the 1960s, when they were the primary mode of transport. However, as modern transport took over in the late 1980s, the profession faded, forcing Kumar into years of labour work.

Largest tulip garden closes for visitors today

Asia's largest tulip garden in Srinagar will close for visitors on Thursday. The garden was thrown open to visitors on March 16, nearly 10 to 15 days ahead of schedule due to a surge in temperatures in the valley. The tulip garden witnessed an overwhelming surge of visitors, with nearly 3.70 lakh people, including 2.10 lakh domestic tourists and over 1,100 foreigners, visiting the garden since its opening, signalling the revival of Kashmir's tourism sector, which was severely impacted by last year's terrorist attack in Pahalgam. It is likely that the visitor count to the tulip garden this year has touched a figure of 3.9 lakh, which is a record in the recent times.

Universities scrap MoUs with US-based NGO

Three Kashmir-based universities have terminated their academic agreements with a US-based NGO Kashmir Care Foundation (KCF), Atlanta, following "adverse intelligence inputs". The three institutions—University of Kashmir, Islamic University of Science and Technology, and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir—have issued formal orders cancelling their memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and other agreements with the KCF with immediate effect. All three universities stressed that no funds were exchanged and no liabilities were created during the period the MoU remained in force.

$2.3 billion
rail deal signed by Jordan and UAE linking Aqaba to mining regions

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Iran warns Red Sea trade halt over US blockade

Warning came after Donald Trump indicated peace negotiations could resume this week

TEHRAN

Iran's military threatened on Wednesday to shut down Red Sea trade unless the United States lifted its naval blockade on Tehran's ports, saying the ceasefire was at risk. The warning came after President Donald Trump indicated peace negotiations could resume this week, and as Iran confirmed the sides had kept talking via Pakistan after a first round of negotiations fell flat.

Pakistan's army chief arrived in Tehran as part of mediation efforts to revive US-Iran negotiations. US Vice President JD Vance, who led the weekend talks, said the Islamic republic was being offered a "grand bargain" to end the six-week war and address the decades-old dispute over Tehran's nuclear programme. But for now, both sides seemed intent on keeping up the pressure.

WAR WATCH

But the head of Iran's military central command centre warned a US failure to lift the blockade would constitute "a prelude" to violating the two-week ceasefire. Unless Washington relents, Iran's armed forces "will not allow any exports or imports to continue in the Persian Gulf, the Sea of Oman and the Red Sea," said Ali Abdollahi.

'China won't arm Iran'

Trump claimed that China has agreed not to provide weapons to Iran, as reports circulate that Beijing has considered transferring arms. Trump wrote in a social media post that China is "very happy that I am permanently opening the Strait of Hormuz." He said, "They have agreed not to send weapons to Iran." He seemed to suggest the two are linked.

Oil prices to plunge: Trump

In an interview Sunday with Maria Bartiromo of Fox News, Trump had said fuel prices could be the same or "maybe a little bit higher" by the November congressional elections.

But in a separate interview with Bartiromo, which was taped on Tuesday at the White House and broadcast on Wednesday, Trump claimed he'd been misquoted and tried to overcome the blowback from his previous comments. He said he's happy with oil costing about $92 per barrel. "It's going to come dropping down very big as soon as this is over," he said, referring to the war.

Strict nuclear checks urged

The head of the UN General Assembly's nuclear watchdog said Wednesday that "very detailed" measures to verify Iran's nuclear activities must be included in a potential US-Iran agreement to end their war in the West Asia. International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Rafael Grossi stressed the need for a thorough verification regime for Iran's nuclear programme, as Trump said Tuesday that a second round of talks could happen over the next two days. *AFP/AP*

Iran sailors repatriated from Lanka

COLOMBO: Over 230 Iranian sailors stranded in Sri Lanka after a US submarine attack and an engine failure on two naval vessels have been repatriated, defence officials said. A total of 238 personnel flew out on a Turkish airliner. The ship Iris Dena was attacked, killing 84, while survivors were rescued and treated. Another vessel, Iris Bushehr, entered Sri Lankan waters after engine trouble. Sailors from both ships were housed at naval and air force facilities before being sent home.

Starmer says 'won't yield' to threats

LONDON: UK prime minister Keir Starmer said Britain will not be drawn into the Iran war despite pressure from Donald Trump, who threatened to revisit a UK trade deal. Starmer told parliament it was not in Britain's national interest to join the conflict. Ties have strained over London's refusal to back initial US strikes, though limited support was later granted. Amid tensions over tariffs, defence and rhetoric on the West Asia conflict.

Israeli military strikes south of Beirut; Hezbollah launches rockets

BEIRUT

TWO Israeli strikes on Wednesday hit vehicles south of Beirut, state media reported, while Hezbollah launched rockets at Israel, hours after Lebanon and Israel agreed to hold direct negotiations. The Israeli military also renewed its call for residents of a swathe of southern Lebanon to leave as it continues to bomb the area.

Despite its ongoing attacks, Israel has not targeted the Lebanese capital since a series of attacks across the country on April 8 that killed more than 350 people. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported two separate Israeli strikes on two vehicles, both on the coastal highway around 20 kilometres south of Beirut and outside Hezbollah's traditional strongholds. An AFP photographer saw a burned-out van with firefighters working to extinguish the blaze.

Rescue workers were recovering human remains from the wreckage of the vehicle and its surroundings, and the army has established a security perimeter, causing a massive traffic jam on this major thoroughfare, the photographer added.

NNA also reported several other strikes across southern Lebanon. The Israeli military meanwhile said it had detected "approximately 30 launches" by Hezbollah militants towards Israel since the early hours, a spokesman told AFP.

Hezbollah said it launched rockets at 10 northern Israeli areas. Hezbollah lawmaker Hassan Fadlallah on Wednesday said the group's fighters "are preventing enemy soldiers from seizing control" of the key southern town of Bint Jbeil, 5 kilometres north of Israel. *AFP*

Destroyed buildings in southern Lebanon from the Israeli side of the border | AFP

Global leaders flock to Beijing as China eyes mediation role

BEIJING

CHINA's President Xi Jinping met Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday as a string of leaders of countries affected by the West Asia war flock to Beijing. Lavrov joins Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Vietnamese leader To Lam in meeting Xi this week.

The top Russian diplomat told a news conference after meeting Xi that Moscow could "compensate" for China's energy shortages as shipping through the Strait of Hormuz remains choked by the Iran war. Xi has sought to position China as a mediator and stable partner in the face of the US- and Israeli-led conflict.

He told Abu Dhabi's crown prince on Tuesday that China would play a "constructive role" in promoting peace talks in the West Asia.

In talks with Spain's Sanchez, Xi warned that the world was facing "chaos and turmoil" and "a contest between justice and force", urging closer cooperation. Sanchez welcomed China's role in seeking to resolve the conflict in the West Asia.

While the level of diplomatic activity is normal for Beijing, the West Asia war and particularly the issue of energy security have taken on new urgency in diplomatic discussions, said Dylan Loh, associate professor at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University.

"China has got leverage and influence over Iran, and there are some hopes and expectations that China can use this influence in a more direct way," Loh said. *AFP*

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov shaking hands with China's President Xi Jinping in Beijing | AFP

China and Vietnam push stronger ties

BEIJING: Xi Jinping called for deeper infrastructure connectivity and cooperation in emerging sectors like AI and semiconductors during talks with To Lam in China. Lam's first overseas visit since taking office signals Hanoi's priority on ties with Beijing. Both leaders stressed shared socialist interests and the Communist Party's role, while pledging to expand cooperation in trade, investment, railways and technology. They signed deals on security and cooperation.

BBC to axe up to 2,000 jobs over next two years in cost-cut overhaul

LONDON

THE BBC revealed Wednesday that the British broadcasting corporation is set to cut up to 2,000 jobs in the next two years amid a challenging media landscape. The BBC's interim director-general Rhodri Talfan Davies said in a statement to staff that "while we still have to work through the detail, we anticipate the overall number of jobs will fall by 1,800-2,000".

The cuts were announced on screen on BBC rolling news on Wednesday afternoon.

The acting director-general said in the statement sent to AFP by the BBC, this was because the BBC faces "significant financial pressures, which we need to respond to at pace".

The organisation has to cut £500 million from its operating costs of £5 billion, with most of these savings required in 2027 and 2028, he said.

It will be the biggest round of redundancies at the broadcasting corporation in almost 15 years, ITV News and The Press Association news agency reported.

The job cuts come as the BBC faces a turbulent media landscape, affected by AI and changing consumer habits.

Donald Trump has filed a $10 billion defamation lawsuit against the broadcaster over a documentary that edited his 2021 speech ahead of the US Capitol riot, making it appear he explicitly urged supporters to attack the seat of Congress.

A new director-general, former Google executive Matt Brittin, is due to take over at the BBC next month, with his appointment announced as leading the corporation "through transformation".

The BBC is funded by the public paying for a licence to view or listen to content. It says 94 percent of UK adults use its services every month. In a report, in March the BBC said its income from the licence fee had fallen 24 percent in real terms since 2017.

Reduce cost base 10% by March 2029 amid pressures, warning tough choices may cut content and services. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

KOMODO PARK CAPS VISITORS AT 1,000 DAILY

The government has capped daily visitors to Komodo National Park at 1,000 from April 2026 to curb overtourism and protect fragile habitats. The limit targets key sites including Padar, Rinca and Komodo islands, along with nearby dive spots. Officials said rising tourist numbers have exceeded carrying capacity, threatening wildlife, especially Komodo dragons. The policy follows stakeholder consultations and aligns with eco-tourism goals. Authorities are also exploring off-site breeding programmes to ease pressure on the park while sustaining tourism.

MALAYSIA

3,000 LITTERING NOTICES ISSUED

Authorities have issued 2,974 littering notices since January, with most offenders being locals. Several violators were ordered to perform community service. Officials said enforcement has intensified under updated laws, with penalties including fines and service hours, as campaigns continue to boost public awareness and curb littering.

THAILAND

PM EYES RELIEF PLAN AMID OIL RISK GLOBALLY

Anutin Charnvirakul signalled a new cost-of-living relief plan while urging caution over volatile global oil risks. He said the government is studying measures including electricity tariff support and low-cost goods distribution. Authorities are closely monitoring West Asia developments and coordinating on energy preparedness. Anutin stressed boosting alternative energy to strengthen security and meet climate goals. He also highlighted ongoing diplomatic outreach and pledged faster governance, tighter security and continued efforts to reduce public financial burdens.

EXPRESS READ

US strike on suspected drug boat kills 4 in Pacific

WASHINGTON: The US military struck another suspected drug-trafficking boat in the eastern Pacific, killing four in its fourth such attack in recent days. The campaign, launched months ago, has killed about 175 people. Washington says the vessels were tied to cartels, though evidence remains limited.

Nepal govt forms panel to probe assets

KATHMANDU: Nepal has formed a five-member commission to investigate assets of public officials, including political leaders and senior bureaucrats, from 2006 to the current fiscal year. The panel, headed by former Supreme Court justice Rajendra Kumar Bhandari, will collect and scrutinise asset declarations. Other members include former justices, a senior police official and a chartered accountant.

Probe reveals migrants told to fake sexuality for UK asylum

LONDON

MIGRANTS of Pakistani and Bangladeshi descent are being charged thousands of pounds by immigration advisers to pretend to be gay to claim asylum in the UK, an undercover media investigation claimed on Tuesday.

The *BBC* said its reporters had uncovered how migrants whose visas are due to run out are being given fake cover stories and instructed on creating fabricated evidence. They are then able to apply for asylum claiming to be gay and in fear for their lives if they return to Pakistan or Bangladesh.

"The UK's asylum process offers protection to people who can't return to their home countries because they would be in danger, for example in countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh where gay sex is illegal," the BBC report states.

It claimed the first part of its major undercover investigation had revealed that the process was being "systematically exploited by legal advisers extracting fees from migrants who want to stay in the country". *PTI*

Sudan war enters fourth year

A LOOK AT THE CRISIS BY THE NUMBERS

59,000+ killed in the conflict says Armed Conflict Location & Event Data (ACLED); likely undercounted

11,000 reported missing by International Committee of the Red Cross

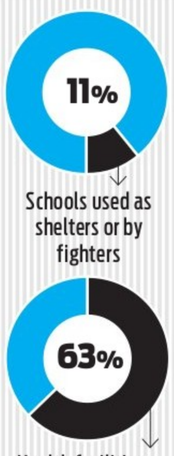
13 million forced to flee homes

9 million internally displaced

4.5 million fled to neighbouring countries

34 million need humanitarian assistance as per UN

800,000 CHILDREN AT RISK OF SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION



Schools used as shelters or by fighters

Health facilities functioning says World Health Organisation

19 million facing acute hunger says World Food Program

217 attacks on health facilities

24%+ fuel price surge, worsening food crisis

6,000 killed in 3 days in Darfur's El-Fasher according to UN

4,300+ children killed or maimed reports UNICEF

8 million children out of school

1,032 civilians killed in air/drone strikes in 2025 (ACLED)

354 community kitchens shut in 6 months

Source AP

13-year-old opens fire at Turkish school, nine killed

ANKARA

A 13-year-old opened fire at a Turkish school on Wednesday, killing nine people and wounding 13, with students jumping from windows to escape the second school shooting in the country in as many days, officials said. Wednesday's attack unfolded in the Kahramanmaras province in the south of the country, where such mass shootings are usually rare.

"We regret to report nine deaths (...) and 13 wounded. Six of them are currently in intensive care, three of whom are in critical condition," Interior Minister Mustafa Ciftci said in a statement, upping the previous toll of four dead and 20 wounded. "A student came to school with guns that we believe belonged to his father in his backpack. He entered two classrooms and opened fire randomly, causing injuries and deaths," Kahramanmaras province governor Mukerrem Unluer told reporters earlier in the day.

The attacker, an eighth-grade student, was the son of a former police officer, Unluer said, adding that the suspect was carrying five guns and seven magazines. He died during the incident. "We suspect he may have taken his father's weapons," the governor said. "He shot himself. It is not yet clear whether this was suicide or happened amid the chaos," he said.

Police detained the ex-student's father, Ugur Mersinli, the official Anadolu news agency reported. Footage released by IHA private news agency showed a person, body and face covered, being evacuated in an ambulance, as well as tearful parents who had rushed to the school in the southern province's main city, Kahramanmaras.

Another video, taken by a resident of a nearby building, verified by AFP, shows students jumping from a first-floor window of the school to escape the gunfire, while dozens of others flee through the courtyard. About 15 gunshots heard in 90-second video. *AFP*

Families wait as Turkish anti riot police officers block a street near a school where a 13 year-old teenager opened fire in Kahramanmaras | AFP

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No. IFAB/2026-27/SE0034 (S-4)	DATE: 13.04.2026

IFAB TENDERS

Two bid system online tenders are invited through Karnataka e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** by IFAB Ltd., for Rental Occupancy of Floral Mall, Shop No 1 & Shop No 4 of floral studio from the interested parties. The documents are available in the Karnataka e-Procurement Portal only from **13.04.2026** and last date for bid submission is on **30.04.2026 till 5.00PM** respectively.

DIPR/CP/181/SHIRDI SAI/2026-27 **Sd/- Managing Director**

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TENDER For Civil Works and Supply and Installation of Technological Equipment's Including Double Deep Racking System, Pallets, Conveyor Belt System, Etc., and Construction of Flower Storage Cold Rooms for Strengthening of International Flower Auction Bangalore Limited Under RIDF Project.

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DIPR/CP/178/SHIRDI SAI/2026-27 **Sd/- Managing Director**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public notice that my client **Mr. Naveen Kumar.B.S.** S/o. Late B.M. Shankarappa. Aged about 46 years, R/at No.74, Flat No 311, Ishtika Agastya Apartment, 1st Cross, Vinayaka Layout Bagalugunte, Bangalore - 560073, who is the present owner of below mentioned property and he was having original will and sale deed and E-Asthi, sale deed dated 12/08/2004 Document No KRI-01-13309/2004-05 registered in the office of Sub – registrar K R Pura Bengaluru in respect of Constructed Building In House Katha No 85/3, Property No 41/1 and 41/2, Site No 01 total Measuring 2125 Sq Ft Situated K. Channsandra Village, K R Pura Hobali, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru – 560043 and E-Asthi new PID No 4086697738, Property No 177/PRO Nos 41/1 and 41/2/KNO/85/3/SNO-1. The Will dated 05/08/2014 and it was registered on 10-01-2022, Documents No BTM-03-00128-2021-22 registered in the office of the Sub – registrar BTM Layout Bengaluru and aforesaid Original Documents have been lost while He went for appearance of Case No 007/2025-26 before Assistant Commissioner at Doddaballapura or while taking Photocopy of said document to produce before Assistant Commissioner at Doddaballapura photo copy made at Ashu Online service at Doddaballapura on dated 23-03-2026 and he has made best efforts were in vain found the above said original Documents , Further he lodged police complaint in this regarding on 05-04-2026 police Lost Report No 2140169/2026 if anyone found the aforesaid Original documents, kindly Contact within 7 days from the date of this publication at the office address given below.

M/s Shiva & Co,
Advocate & Solicitors,
Office at Chamber No 72, 6th floor, ASVNV BHAVAN, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 009,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients intends to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from its present owner Mrs. T Sita Nagalakshmi Wife of Sri Tumuluru Kumaraswami Sundara Kumara (seller/owner) any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest, or any type of claim over the schedule property is hereby called upon to file their objection/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within 07 days from the date of this publication with the under mentioned Advocate office address which; our clients shall conclude that the their exist no objection, claims or dispute including legal heirs and proceed with the purchase and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential bearing Assessment No 177/1 and Corner site no 40, E-PID No. 2482524193, East to West 30 Ft and North to South 25 Ft total measuring 750 Sq Ft (69.677560 Sq Mt) with a built house having a Ground Floor and First Floor, each floor measuring 700 Sq ft with RCC roofing and vitrified Floor, Situated at Maruthi Nagar Chikkabanavara Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Bengaluru Urban District, Presently comes under Chikkabanavara Municipality ward no 21. and bounded on: **East by** : Road,
West by : Site No 41,
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FORM NO. NCLT.3A

Advertisement detailing petition
(Rule 35 of the National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016)
BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH
Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement between Mac Charles(India) Limited and Embassy Prism Ventures Limited and their respective sharholders
CP(CAA) 12/BB/2026
Connected with
CA (CAA) No.46/BB/2025

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

A petition under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for seeking approval of the Scheme of Arrangement between Mac Charles (India) Limited and Embassy Prism Ventures Limited (both companies referred to as "Petitioner Companies") and their respective shareholders was presented before the Bengaluru Bench of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal("NCLT") on March 16, 2026 (petition filed on March 3, 2026). The said petition was admitted by the Hon'ble NCLT vide order dated March 16, 2026 (order received on March 27, 2026) and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble NCLT on June 5, 2026.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Date : 15.04.2026 Place : Bengaluru	Sd/- A.MURALI Advocate (Representative of the Petitioner Companies) No. 407, 4th level, Prestige Centre Point, No. 7, Edward Road, Bangalore – 560 052 Phone : + 91 889 271 1982 Email : vishakh@cmalaw.co.in

BSF

Tender No. STC/Blr/Chicken-Eggs/26/6036
Dated, the 09 April 2026

// NOTICE INVITING TENDER //

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL STC BSF
BANGALORE, PO: AFS YELAHANKA, BANGALORE - 63.

01. On behalf of **President of India,** Inspector General, Subsidiary Training Centre (STC) BSF, PO: AFS Yelahanka, Bangalore -560063 invites open tenders from interested parties/dealers/Firms for supply of "Chicken broiler **(Live Birds) and Eggs**".
02. Tender forms can be obtained from the office of the Inspector General STC BSF Bangalore PO: AFS Yelahanka Bangalore 560063 on any working day from the date of publication of this Tender Notice. The cost of tender form is **Rs.100/- (Rupees one hundred) only.** Interested parties/Firm can visit the campus and collect the tender documents from this office and submit the same on or before **29th April'2026 by 1800 hrs.**
03. Tender will be opened on **30th April'2026 by 1100 hrs.**
04. The Inspector General reserves the right to accept or reject the tender received without assigning any reason and his decision will be final and binding upon all.

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For Inspector General STC BSF Bangalore

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NOTIFICATION INVITING TENDER (NIT)

(Through e-procurement portal)

BESCOM invites tenders vide Enquiry No.: BESCOM/2026-27/IND0226 through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders for **"Supply, implementation and Support of 8 Nos. Juniper RE-S-X6-64G-S Routing Engine (RE) Cards for Juniper MX480 Routers at Data Centre under IPDS IT Phase- II"** **Bid Documents available:** 16.04.2026, 04:00 P.M. onwards. The Tenders can be obtained through KPPP portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPPP help desk contact numbers (080-46010000, 080-68948777) or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com.

Sd/-
The General Manager
(ICT & MIS.), BESCOM

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ

ಹರಿದೇವ ನಗರ ಹಬ್ಬುವಾಡ ಕಾರವಾರ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ-581306

ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9480886551 E-mail: dysskar@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸನಿ/ಯುಸಕ್ರೀಇ/ಕಾ/ಮೆಸ್/ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10-04-2026

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:

2026-27 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕಾರವಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ವಸತಿ ನಿಲಯಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಹಳಿಯಾಳ ಸಿದ್ದಿ ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ವಸತಿಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ್ತವ್ಯ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ 5 ರಿಂದ 10 ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಹಾಗೂ 10 ನೇ ತರಗತಿ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಪಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಊಟೋಪಹಾರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮ 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮೆಸ್. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ (kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಸನಿ/ಯುಸಕ್ರೀಇ/ಕಾ/ಮೆಸ್/ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್/2026-27 **Dated: 10-04-2026**
2	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ	**ರೂ. 138.94 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು (ಅಂದಾಜು)**
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿ:10-04-2026
4	ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11-05-2026 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ kppp.karnataka.gov.in
5	ಪ್ರಿ-ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿ: 02-05-2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
6	ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ: (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು ಸರಿ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ)	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-05-2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ
7	ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ: (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು ಸರಿ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ)	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13-05-2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ
8	ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಶುಲ್ಕದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ	ರೂ. 1,38,940/-
9	ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9480886551 /08382201824

ಸಹಿ/- ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ಯುವ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೀಡಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

Government of Karnataka
Women and Child Hospital Gokak

Tq: Gokak 591307 Dist-Belagavi
mchgokak2019 @gmail.com Tel No. 08332-225083

WCH/Gokak/FoodTender/Sub-02/2025-26 Date:-15-04-2026

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

A Tender has been invited on the E-procurement platform for the supply of High quality Prepared breakfast food (Diatary Food Anna SaMbar) As wellas Banana, Chicken Egg and CofFee/Tea for the year 2026-27 at the Mother and Child Hospital Gokak The tender period will be from the date of order till 31-03-2027 only. The total Tender Value is estimated at Rs.94,90000/- Per annum. The Tender details are as follows. Tender is invited on E-Procurementfor the supply of good quality preapared breakfast food (Dietary food. Banana, Chicken Eggs and Coffee/tea in Double Envelope System.
1. Tender Announcement No & Date - 15-04-2026, 2. Estmated Amount of 2 tenders -Sl No 1. Details- Group A: Sl No 2 .Details - Group B: Tender Bid Amount : 94,90,000/- 3. Starting Date for uploading tender form through E-Portal 16-04-2026, 4. Last Date & Time for Submission of tender enlopes in E-Portal 30-04-2026, 5. Opening and Checking Date and Time - 02-05-2026 at 12 PM, 6. Opening Date and Time of Financial Bid Envelopes Will be informed later, 7. EMD-189800/-, 8. Officer to be contacted for further information Address & Telephone No Chief Medical officer Women and Child Officer Gokak e-mail: mchgokak2019 @gmail.com MOB:9986684142

Sd/-Chief Medical Officer
Women And Child Hospital Gokak
Tq-Gokak Dist -Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-100/KSMCA/2026-27

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Govt of India undertaking)

Branch: Koramangala Layout
P B No.3421, No.348, 100 Ft Road, 4th Block, St John Medical College Post, Koramangala Layout, Bangaluru 560034
Ph: 9483520885, E-mail: cb0885@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (section 13(4)] (For immovableProperty)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank, **Koramangala Layout Branch** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 05.02.2026** calling upon the borrower **1. Mr. Mahesh Kumar D S/O Dattu Rao (Hereinafter Referred To As "The Borrowers")** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 52,69,924.00 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty four Only),** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **10th day of April** of the year **2026**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs. 53,70,935 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Seventy Thousand Nine hundred and Thirty five only)** as on **10.04.2026** Plus interest & other charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: (Description of entire property on which Apartment being constructed) All that piece and parcel of immovable residential converted land (converted vide official memorandum No ALN(A)-(HS)-SR-02/2011-12 dated 11/05/2011, issued by the special deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) bearing Sy No 216 situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk measuring 2.00 Acres and **bounded on : East by:** Narayana Reddys Land in Sy no:216, **West by:** Chikka Munireddys Land in Sy No:214, **North by:** Property bearing Sy No:215, **South by:** Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (Description of the undivided interest of land agreed to be conveyed) 670.05 Sq ft undivided share, Right, Title and interest and ownership in Schedule A Property, which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule C apartment unit.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: (Description of the apartment Unit/ Flat agreed to be conveyed) All that piece and parcel of one Flat/ Apartment unit i.e Flat no A-101 measuring a super built up area of 1489 Sq ft (Which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in built up area), situated in First floor, in A-Block(4BHK), with one covered Car parking Space in Surface Floor, in the residential apartment building known as ABAN DESIRE , being constructed on the Schedule- A Property. **Postal address of the property** : Flat No A-101, in the first floor A Block of residential building known as ABAN DESIRE , Situated ay Medihalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 562125.

DATE: 10.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
PLACE: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB)
 # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J.C. Road, Bangalore-560002.
Tel: 080-25943663/3664, Email Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Account No: TL 41654144386

Whereas, the under signed being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India, SSI Peenya Industrial Estate Branch (40284)** under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **06.09.2024** calling upon the **borrowers : M/s. S R Tech Park,** Situated at Survey No. 73/5, Bhethamangala Hobli, Kagilahalli Village, KGF Taluk, Kolar-563116 and Also at : No. 72, 9th Cross, Hongasandra, Ambedkar Colony, Bangalore-560068, represented by its proprietor and Guarantor : Smt. Renuka S.M. W/o. Sri Sampangi .Y and the Guarantor Sri Sampangi .Y S/o. Sri Yallappa, resident of : No. 72, 9th Cross, Ambedkar Colony, Hongasandra, Bengaluru-560068, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 6,23,25,512/-** (Rupees Six Crore Twenty-Three Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twelve only) as on 06.09.2024 and interest from 07.09.2024 and other charges and costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general, that the under signed has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **13th day of April of the year 2026.**

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India,** for an amount of **Rs. 7,68,07,626/-** (Rupees Seven Crore Sixty-Eight Lakh Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six only) as on 10.04.2026 and interest from 11.04.2026 within incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., thereon.

The loan account are now held at State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J C Road, Bengaluru, for further resolution and hence the undersigned is competent to issue this notice.

The details of the total dues are as follows :-

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Account Number	Total Outstanding Rs.	Total Interest (unpaid, accrued, penal interest)Rs.	Charges Rs.	Total Dues Rs.
1.	TL	**41654144386**	5,82,35,502	1,82,92,301.16	2,79,822.84	7,68,07,626
	Total		**5,82,35,502**	**1,82,92,301.16**	**2,79,822.84**	**7,68,07,626**

Schedule A : Property No. (1) : Standing in the name of M/s. S.R. Tech Park

Details of Movable and Immovable assets : (a) Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery and other Fixed Assets etc purchased out of Bank Finance

(B) Description of Immovable Property : Property Owned by : Smt. Renuka .S.M, W/o. Sri Sampangi .Y, (1) The Agricultural Dry Land bearing old Sy. No. 43, 43/3 & 73/3, New Sy. No. 73/5, (Seventy-Three Sub Five) measuring to an extent of 2-20 (Two Acres 20 Gunta), assessed at Rs. 2-85 ps. Situated at Kaggilahalli Village, Bethamangala Hobli, KGF Taluk and the same is **bounded on : East by :** Sy. No. 72 Land, **West by :** Village Road, **North by :** Sy. No. 60 Land, **South by :** Narasappa Land.

Property Owner by : Sri Sampangi .Y, S/o. Sri Yallappa, (2) All that part and parcel of the Dry Agricultural Land bearing Sy. No. 73/4 (Part of old Sy. No. 73/1), measuring to an extent of 1-05 Guntas, (1 Acre and Five Guntas), bearing Khathe No. 81, assessed at Rs. 1.28 ps, situated at Kaggilahalli Village, Bethamangala Hobli, Bangarpet Taluk and the same is **bounded by : East by :** Land belongs to Narayanamma, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Land belongs to Narasappa, **South by :** Land belongs to Purchaser.

Date : 13.04.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE I ADDL. CITY CIVIL SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-2), AT BANGALORE
OS NO. 1581/2025

PLAINTIFF: Abdul Mateen, No. 79/A, 4th Cross, HBR Layout, 2nd Stage, Venkateshpuram, KG Halli, Bangalore-560 045
-V/s-
DEFENDANTS: Flechazo Restaurant & Ors
NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS
TO **DEFENDANTS: 1. Flechazo Restaurant** (Whitefield), Also Known as (Flechazo MediterrAsian Buffet Restaurant) (Unit of M/s Eka Hospitality Pvt Ltd) Mr Jayakannan Perumalsamy (CEO) Phase 1, 120, 2nd Floor, Santosh towers, A3, Road No 3, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bangalore 560 066
2. Flechazo Restaurant (Marathhalli), Also Known as (Flechazo MediterrAsian Buffet Restaurant), (Unit of M/s Eka Hospitality Pvt Ltd) Mr Jayakannan Perumalsamy (CEO) Sy No. 9/1, 2nd Floor, VRR Orchid above Surya Nissan, Brindavan Extension Doddanekundi, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 037
Whereas the above-named Plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of money of Rs. 5,34,558/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) with interest from the date of default until suit realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **05/06/2026** at **11:00 A.M**, in person or through your Counsel to answer the questions to the same, Failing which the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 09/04/2026
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
MOHAMMED WASEEM & RAGHURAMAN,
Advocates
#135, 2nd Main Road, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Bengaluru - 560 043

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Property from its owners **Smt. APARNA KOLA**, wife of Sri.K.V.Naidu, No.13, 4th Cross, 1st Main Road, 2nd R.M.V 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bangalore – 560 094 who represented that she acquired the Schedule Property from her husband Sri.K.V.Naidu in terms of a Gift Deed dated 31/05/2022 registered as Document Nos.1765/2022 in Book-I and stored in CD.No.BYPD1127 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Byatrayanapura, Bangalore. Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Ten (10) days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections.

: SCHEDULE :

Residential Vacant Site Nos.C2, C3, C34 and C5 in all measuring 10800 Sq Ft, carved out of Sy.No.127 of Singapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk duly converted for residential purposes vide Order bearing No.802285 dated 17/11/2025 by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and presently bearing E-Khatha Nos. 1181/1545/1/127/C2, 1182/1430/1/127/C3, 1179/1549/1/127/C4 and 1180/1554/1/127/C5 of Singapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Municial Ward No.11 of Kuvempunagara, Bangalore North and together bounded by:
East : Road; West : BWSSB Compound.
North : Road ; South : Site No.C1.

Mr. K.P.RUPESH KUMAR, M/s.LAW CORP, Advocates & Consultants, No.G3, Ground Floor, Mohan Towers, No. 98/2-27, Residency Road, Bangalore/K.G.F. (M) 9886761765
Date : 16.04.2026, BANGALORE

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI

MILK COLONY BRANCH
Milk Colony, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore - 560 055.
Phone : 080 22959503 / 22959502, Fax : 080-22959502
E-Mail : milkcolony.bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

Ref.: BOI/MLK/ADV/2026-27/623 **Date : 02.04.2026**

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

To,
M/s. Kayvee Associates, No. 652-B, 2nd Floor, P.B. No. 10236, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560010.
M/s. Kayvee Associates, No. 33, Bannerghatta Main Road, Oppo Bosch Gate No. 2, Adugodi, Bangalore - 560030.
Rep. by its Proprietor K Rajkumar, No. 22, 4th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, B.K. Circle, Water Tank, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bangalore - 560078.
Mr. Thiruvannakarasu, No. 22, 4th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, B.K. Circle, Water Tank, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bangalore - 560078.
Sir / Madam,

At the request made by you, **Bank of India, Milk Colony Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") had granted to you Credit Facilities with aggregate limits of **Rs. 39,00,000.00 since 09.05.2002.** We give here under details of advance facility granted by the bank and the amount outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of notice :-

Nature of Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Date of Sanction	Outstanding Dues
Cash Credit (849430100020018)	Rs. 20,00,000/-	09.05.2002	Rs. 16,62,350.81 plus uncharged interest from 20.02.2024 till date
GECL (849470410000234)	Rs. 19,00,000/-	16.07.2020	Rs. 4,61,402.00 plus uncharged interest from 29.02.2024 till date

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following Assets / Securities :-

EQM of Vacant Site bearing No. 164, Survey No. 533/1, Achettipalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu, Measuring 6000 Sq.Ft. **Owned by Mr. K. Rajkumar** and bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 177, **North by :** Site No. 165, **South by** : Road.

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank, we have classified your account as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA)** with effect **from 18.03.2026** in accordance with the directions / guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank a sum of **Rs. 21,23,752.81 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two & Eighty One Paise) along with further interest plus penal interest** with monthly rests within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.
5. While we call upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Banks together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.
6. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues are fully recovered, shall be paid to you.
7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realized in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you before Courts of Competent jurisdiction for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.
8. Please take note that as per Section 13 (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice.
9. The undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.
10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

Date : 02.04.2026 **For Bank of India,**
Place : Bengaluru **Chief Manager**

ଓଡ଼ିଶା ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ଶକ୍ତି ସଂଚାରଣ ନିଗମ ଲିଃ

(ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଏକ ଉପକ୍ରମ)

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)

Regd. Office: OPTCL Tech Tower, Janpath, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-73/2025-26	Bids are invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Procurement of isolators of different voltage class along with supply & retrofitting of mechanism boxes for isolators/earth switches (including site integration and commissioning support). **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 15.05.2026 upto 12:45 Hrs.**	Rs. 26,32,86,412/-
CPC-43/2025-26	Bids are invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Supply of 90KN & 120KN Anti fog Disc Insulator. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 07.05.2026 upto 12:30 Hr.**	Rs. 29,33,762/-
CPC-06/2026-27	Bids are invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Supply of 07 nos. 500KVA, 33/0.433kV station transformers (BIS Energy Level-2). **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 08.05.2026 upto 12:45 Hrs .**	Rs. 1,03,60,765/-
CPC-09/2026-27	Bids are invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Engineering, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of twin High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) Conductor after dismantling of twin AAAC Moose Conductor in existing 400kV IB-Lapanga DC along with up gradation in main & tie bay of IB circuit at Lapanga Grid Substation in Sambalpur District on Turnkey Contract Basis in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 14.05.2026 upto 12:45 P.M.**	Rs. 97,22,67,435/-
CPC-10/2026-27	Bids are invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Engineering, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) Conductor after dismantling of ACSR Zebra Conductor in existing 220kV Lapanga-Kantapali DC line from Loc. No-1 to 201 in Sambalpur District on Turnkey Contract Basis in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 14.05.2026 upto 12:45 P.M.**	Rs. 82,08,11,179/-
CPC-11/2026-27	Bids are invited from reputed manufactures in two part bidding system for Engineering, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) Conductor after dismantling of ACSR Zebra Conductor in existing 220kV Budhipadar-Lapanga DC line from Loc. No-1 to 63 in Sambalpur District on Turnkey Contract Basis in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 14.05.2026 upto 12:45 P.M.**	Rs. 32,27,47,128/-

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** and **www.optcl.co.in**.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REVOCATION AND CANCELLATION OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY DATED: 11.03.2019 EXECUTED BY ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC AND ALL UNREGISTERED GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Let it be known to all Public, Banks, financial institutions, and authorities that my client Mr. Raju Kalidoss, S/o Late. T.Raju, residing at No.5339, BIRCH GROVE DR, SAN JOSE, CA-95123, CALIFORNIA, United State of America. hereby revoke and cancel the General Power of Attorney thro NOTARY executed by my client on 11.03.2019 and all unregistered GPA in several dates, in your favour which was executed with the EXECUTED By ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC AND ALL UNREGISTERED GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY of Raguvanahalli, Kanakapura road, Bangalore-560062. in favour of R.Haridoss, S/o Late. T.Raju, residing at House # 787, 23rd cross, 19th main, sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore 102, at present No.1351, Kohinoor residency, 16th main road, AECS Layout, A Block, Singasandra Po, Hosur road, Bangalore-560068, Karnataka, for Managing Partner of the firm "M/s MILAN CLOTHING" Manufacturing of Ready Made Garments being co-partner and a sibling.

This GPA and other GPA are revoked and cancelled, terminated and withdrawn all powers granted to you under the aforementioned GPA via Legal Notice of revocation send on 17.01.2026, in its entity with immediate effect.

The said R.Haridoss, S/o Late. T.Raju has no authority to deal with, transfer, mortgage, or sell the property. Any person or entity dealing with the said agent regarding above property hereafter will do so at their own risk, and my client will not be liable for any such transactions.

Place of Business Schedule Property

All that place and parcel of immovable property being Plot No.13G, Bhashettyhalli Panchyath Property No.86/13G, E Khata No.150300301500620424 of Doddaballapura Industrial Area, situated in Survey No.107 of Besettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Tk, Bangalore Rural District, totally measuring 2016 sq mtrs, (measurement as per the sketch annexed) along with shed measuring a built up area 3660 sq. feet with asbestos sheet, red oxide flooring at **present building with the "MILAN CLOTHING" company** and the property is bounded on:

East: Road, West: Plot No. 12B, North: Plot No. 13F, South: Plot No.13H.

S.RAVI & S.MARIYAPPAN, ADVOCATES
Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Property from its owners **Sri.K.V.RAVI @ V.RAVI**, Son of late Venkatappa, **Smt.JAYALAKSHMI @ BABY**, Wife of Sri.K.V.Ravi @ V.Ravi, Resident of Kodathi Gate, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, **Sri.CHANDRA SHEKARA REDDY**, Son of Sri.M.Basi Reddy, No. B-307, DSR Green Fields Apartments, Nagondanahalli, Whitefield (PO), Bangalore – 560 066, **Ms.BHAVANI.N**, Daughter of Mr. H.S.Narayanaswamy, No.102, 1st Cross, Hoodi, Mahadevapura, Bangalore – 560 048 and **Smt.ANUSUYAMMA**, Wife of Sri.C.Muniraju, Kodathi Village, Carmelaram Post, Bengaluru East, Bangalore- 560 035 who represented that they acquired some portions of the lands in the Schedule Property by way of inheritance and succession and some portions of the lands in the Schedule Property in terms of Sale Deeds dated 11/03/2019, 18/02/2019 and 20/02/2019 registered as Document Nos. 4285, 4289, 3951/2021-22 and 3957/2021-22 in Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore, Gift Deed dated 25/01/2023 registered as Document No. 8209/2023-24 in Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bidarahalli, Bangalore and Memorandum of Partition. Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections.

: SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural lands in Sy.No.117/2 measuring 28.08 Guntas, Sy. No. 139/1 measuring 16.08 Guntas, Sy.No.139/2 measuring 09 Guntas, Sy.No.139/3 measuring 10 Guntas, Sy.No.139/4 measuring 01 Gunta, (vi) Sy.No.139/11 (Old Sy.No.139/9 and then Sy.No.139/4) measuring 01 Gunta, Sy.No.139/12, (Old Sy.No.139/9 and then Sy.No.139/4) measuring 01 Gunta, Sy.No.139/15 (Old Sy.No.139/9 and then Sy.No.139/4) measuring 02 Guntas, Sy.No.139/16 (Old Sy.No.139/4) measuring 06 Guntas, Sy.No.139/17 (Old Sy.No.139/4) measuring 01 Gunta, in all measuring 1 Acre 35.16 Guntas, all lands are situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District and commonly bounded by:
East : Private properties ;
West : Private property ;
North : Sarjapura Bengaluru Main Road ;
South : Survey Num 150/1 property.

Date : 16/04/2026, BANGALORE

Mr. K.P.RUPESH KUMAR, M/s.LAW CORP, Advocates & Consultants, No.G3, Ground Floor, Mohan Towers, No. 98/2-27, Residency Road, Bangalore/K.G.F. (M) 9886761765

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
1,263.67	Sensex	78,111.24	₹1,420	24 carat (10 gm)	₹155,500	₹15,000	1 kg	₹270,000	Dollar	93.38
388.65	Nifty	24,231.30	₹1,300	22 carat (10 gm)	₹142,550	₹150	10 gm	₹2,700	Euro	110.11

*Delhi Mandi Price

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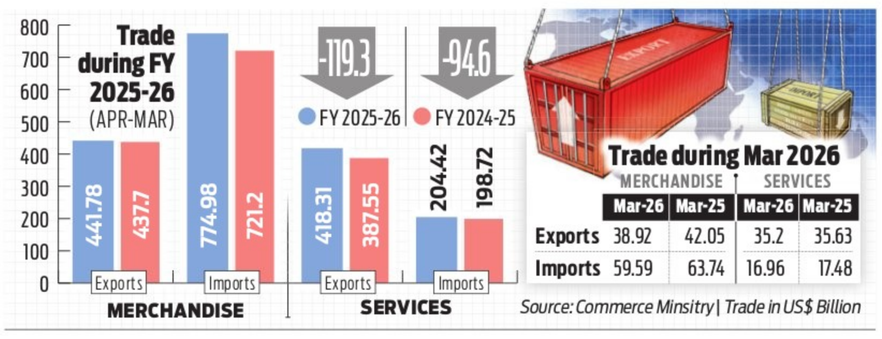
● High gold, silver prices widen trade gap ● 'Lack of clarity on duty causes compliance issue'

Trade deficit hits 3-yr high of $119 bn in '26



Trade during Mar 2026

	MERCHANDISE		SERVICES	
	Mar-26	Mar-25	Mar-26	Mar-25
Exports	38.92	42.05	35.2	35.63
Imports	59.59	63.74	16.96	17.48

Source: Commerce Minsitry | Trade in US$ Billion

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

INDIA'S trade deficit widened to a three-year high of $119.3 billion in FY26, driven by a surge in gold and silver prices and a sharp drop in exports to West Asia amid the Iran crisis, according to government data released on Wednesday.

While exports posted moderate growth of 4.22% to $860 billion during the year, imports rose at a faster pace of 6.5% to $979.4 billion, significantly widening the overall trade gap, data from the Commerce Ministry showed.

India's trade surplus with the United States narrowed to $34.4 billion in FY26 from $43 billion a year earlier. Exports to the US remained largely flat, rising just 1% to $87 billion, while imports from the country jumped 16% to $53 billion.

Commerce secretary Rajesh Agarwal said the West Asia crisis had a severe impact on India's trade flows, affecting both exports and imports. Exports to the region plunged 57.95% to $3.5 billion in March, while imports fell 51.64% during the same period.

Despite continued pressure on merchandise trade amid geopolitical tensions, services trade provided a cushion. Services exports grew nearly 8% to $418.31 billion in FY26 from $387.55 billion a year earlier, while services imports rose to $204.42 billion from $198.72 billion, helping offset part of the merchandise trade deficit.

In March, exports declined over 7% year-on-year to $38.92 billion from $42.05 billion, while imports fell to $59.59 billion from $63.71 billion. The goods trade deficit for the month stood at $20.67 billion. Amid the challenging global environment, India's exports to China rose by more than $5 billion in FY26. Shipments also saw notable increases to markets such as Spain and Vietnam, commerce ministry said.

Gold imports surged in value despite a fall in volume, reflecting elevated prices. The value of gold imports rose over 24% from $58.01 billion in FY25 to $71.98 billion in FY26, even as volumes fell from 757.09 tonnes to 721.03 tonnes. The average unit value rose sharply from $76,617 per kg to $99,825 per kg.

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NEW RULES

SEZs seek clarity on duty concession for supplies to DTA

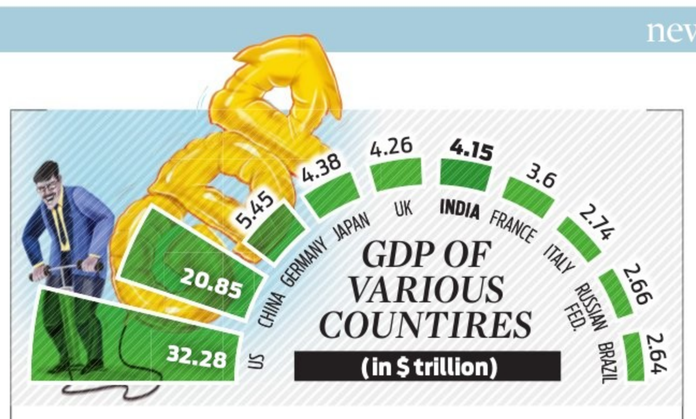
PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

EXPORT-oriented units operating in special economic zones (SEZs) have written to the Ministry of Commerce and the Revenue Department of the Finance Ministry seeking clarity on the levy of concessional duties for supplies made to the domestic tariff area (DTA), amid growing uncertainty over interpretation of the newly made rules, told industry sources aware of the matter.

Several SEZ units have flagged multiple problems being faced by companies while supplying goods to the domestic market. Stakeholders say ambiguity around applicable duties and procedures is leading to compliance challenges and delays. Previously, SEZ had flagged that the concession granted to sell goods in the domestic market at lower customs duty for one year is not adequate, and sought a higher cap of 50% on domestic sales against 30%.

"The window is just for a year and it got effective just a day after the announcement came. Even to avail the concessions, the process is long and the certification takes time. The SEZs cannot implement the change overnight. Also, there is lack of clarity on several points," said the source. Based on industry feedback, a consolidated list of concerns has been prepared and shared with CBIC and the Department of Commerce (DoC). "A compilation of doubts/difficulties which need to be clarified by DoC/CBIC has been made," the source added.

As a one-time move, the Finance Ministry has announced that the SEZ units will be allowed to increase sales in the domestic market with customs duty concessions. The move is aimed at supporting exporters grappling with weak global demand. The concessions will be effective from April 1 and will remain valid for a year until March 31, 2027.



India may slip to 6th place in GDP, behind UK in 2026

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INDIA has fallen below the UK in size of the economy to sixth place, as per the latest IMF estimates for 2006.

As per the April global economic outlook of the IMF, India is likely to end 2026-27 with a GDP size of $4.15 trillion, below the UK's $4.26 trillion. The drop in ranking is due to the recent revision in base year due to which the nominal GDP has been revised downward. The depreciating rupee has played its role in the fall in India's ranking.

India had surpassed the UK in 2022-23 to become the fifth-largest economy in the world, and was slated to become the fourth-largest economy by 2025-26. However, the latest government GDP estimates released in February show the nominal GDP has declined from ₹357 lakh crore in the old series to ₹345.5 lakh crore in the new series. At an average exchange rate of ₹87 for FY26, India's GDP in dollar terms would fell short of $4 trillion. "The change in the rank reflects new base year of GDP where nominal GDP is lower than old base GDP by 4%. Further rupee depreciated against the dollar by 11% in FY26. The combination resulted in the GDP ranking revision," says Gaura Sengupta, chief economist, IDFC First Bank.

A query sent to secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (Mospi), Saurabh Garg, remained unanswered at the time of filing the report. Earlier, chief economic advisor to government of India V Anantha Nageswaran had said based on current projections, India is likely to cross the $4 trillion mark in 2026-27, though relative global rankings will depend on external factors. As per the IMF's latest estimates, Japan with $4.38 trillion would remain the 4th largest economy behind Germany ($5.45 trillion), China ($20.85 trillion) and the US ($32.3 trillion).

NBFCs can open branches without prior RBI approval

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank has permitted non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to open branches without seeking prior approval from the central bank, unless specifically restricted and with certain conditions.

"The objective of these amended directions is to provide operational flexibility to non-banks for branch expansion to facilitate ease of doing business while ensuring necessary regulatory compliance," the central bank said in a master direction on Wednesday.

Under the revised framework, non-banks will be allowed to expand their branches without prior RBI approval, marking a departure from the earlier approach where certain categories required prior regulatory nod.

The RBI has retained a calibrated approach for deposit-taking NBFCs based on their financial strength and credit profile.

As per the new directions, deposit-taking NBFCs with net owned funds of up to ₹50 crore or with a credit rating below AA can open branches or appoint agents only within the state where their registered office is located. Those with net owned funds of above ₹50 crore and a credit rating of AA or higher can open branches or appoint agents anywhere in the country.

Those with net owned funds exceeding ₹50 crore but with a rating below AA will be restricted to opening branches within their home state.

The central bank said the revised norms will come into force with immediate effect.

The RBI has modified provisions relating to core investment companies (CICs). Earlier, the RBI could advise a CIC to wind up its overseas representative office in case of non-compliance. The revised directions replace this with a mechanism to review or recall approvals granted for such offices, signalling a shift in the regulatory approach within existing framework.

Unemployment rate edges up to 5.1% in March

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S unemployment rate inched up to 5.1% in March 2026, reflecting a modest deterioration in labour market conditions even as overall participation and employment levels remained stable, as per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

The unemployment rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above rose from 4.9% in February to 5.1% in March, driven largely by an increase in urban joblessness. Urban unemployment climbed to 6.8% during the month from 6.6% in February, indicating persistent stress in city labour markets.

In contrast, rural labour markets remained relatively steady, with female unemployment rates showing little change and overall conditions displaying resilience.

The data also showed that labour force participation softened marginally. The overall labour force participation rate (LFPR) declined to 55.4% in March from 55.9% in the previous month.

Market rallies sharply on expectations of US-Iran talks

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market rallied sharply on Wednesday, supported by expectations of renewed negotiations between Iran and the US which helped ease concerns around potential oil supply disruptions and triggered a decline in Brent crude oil prices.

At the close, the benchmark BSE Sensex advanced 1,263.67 points (+1.64%) to settle at 78,111.24, while the NSE Nifty gained 388.65 points (+1.63%) to end at 24,231.30.

"Optimism around potential U.S-Iran negotiations supported a broad-based market sentiment, driving oil prices below USD 100 as expectations of talks outweighed concerns over supply disruption," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Investments Limited. Nair added that despite a muted Q4 outlook, investors remain encouraged by attractive valuations and a relatively better FY27 earnings outlook, indicating that the rally could sustain momentum in the near term.

ON THE BOUNCE

On Wednesday, the BSE Sensex surged 1,263.67 points (1.64%) to 78,111.24, while the NSE Nifty gained 388.65 points (1.63%) to 24,231.30 amid West Asia crisis

The rally comes after the market recorded heavy selling in the previous session when Brent crude prices surged above $100/barrel mark as the first round of talks between the US and Iran failed to yield an agreement and US President Donald Trump ordered blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

Sectorally, capital goods, oil & gas, power, infrastructure, media, realty, consumer durables, and IT sectors gained 2%. The broader markets also participated in the rallt, with both Nifty Midcap and Small cap indices rising over 2% each. Among Nifty50 constituents, IndiGo and Power Grid were top gainers while Dr Reddy and Bharti Airtel were top losers.

URBAN AFFAIR

1. Top 10 cities account for 50% of AI users in India
2. Delhi-NCR has the highest population penetration of ChatGPT in India
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India among top five global AI markets, but usage remains city-centric, says OpenAI

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA has emerged as one of the world's top five markets for advanced artificial intelligence use, according to OpenAI's latest Capability Gap findings, but the company said adoption remains heavily concentrated in a small number of cities.

The report said India ranks among the top five countries globally in advanced "thinking capability" usage per person, measured through reasoning tokens used by ChatGPT Plus users. It added that Indian users are increasingly using AI for coding, data analysis and complex problem-solving.

The findings pointed to a sharp urban divide in usage. The top 10 cities account for 50% of AI users in India even though these cities represent less than 10% of the country's population. This makes AI adoption in India about three times more concentrated than in comparable countries such as the US, UK, Brazil and Germany.

Delhi-NCR has the highest population penetration of ChatGPT in India, while other major centres of advanced use include Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Delhi and Chennai.

"The question is how quickly the benefits of AI can extend beyond early adopters and leading cities to the wider population. Closing this gap will require expanding access, building skills, and enabling more meaningful use across India, an effort shaped in large part young, fast-adopting population", said Oliver Jay, MD, OpenAI.

Tech Mahindra denies religious bias allegations at co's Goregaon office

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

FRESH allegations have emerged against Tech Mahindra after claims circulated online about an allegedly divisive atmosphere at its Goregaon office in Mumbai, adding to the ongoing scrutiny of workplace conduct in India's IT sector.

The issue came to light after a screenshot of a message was shared on X by Ashutosh J Dubey. Dubey said the message had been sent to him by an anonymous employee of the company. The sender raised concerns over alleged religious bias in recruitment, uneven application of office rules, and preferential treatment during certain religious occasions at the Goregaon campus. The message also referred to the role of a human resources official in hiring decisions and claimed that the work environment had become uncomfortable for some staff members.

A separate image that circulated alongside the post reportedly referred to a "Footwear Free Zone" during Ramzan for prayers and iftar. However, the company has denied any connection to the image. Currently, the authenticity of the anonymous message shared online has not been independently verified. Responding to the controversy, a Tech Mahindra spokesperson denied the allegations and said an internal review had already been carried out.

"This is with reference to recent social media posts alleging religious bias within Tech Mahindra. We take such concerns seriously and conducted an internal review, which found these claims to be inaccurate and unfounded. We confirm the image titled 'Footwear Free Zone' is not from any of our offices, and the anonymous post regarding hiring practices is false."

"At Tech Mahindra, we are committed to building an inclusive, respectful workplace where every individual is treated with dignity and fairness, without discrimination of any kind, including on the basis of religion. We will continue to review our policies and processes to ensure that our values are upheld consistently, and that no coercive or inappropriate conduct is permitted or carried out in any manner whatsoever."

We confirm the image titled 'Footwear Free Zone' is not from any of our offices, and the anonymous post regarding hiring practices is false

Tech Mahindra spokesperson

Vinfast expands electric vehicle portfolio in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

VIETNAMESE automaker Vinfast is bringing two electric passenger vehicles to the Indian car market.

The company on Wednesday launched the all-electric VF 7 MPV at Rs 24.49 lakh to target personal-use customers and will soon introduce a taxi variant, branded Limo Green, at a lower price point for fleet operators. Highlighting its commitment to the Indian market, Vinfast stated that it will continue to expand its product portfolio here with at least two new launches per annum. The NASDAQ-listed automaker would also be entering India's electric two-wheeler market by launching an e-scooter in the second half of calendar year 2026.

Business & Beyond

ICL Fincorp's NCD Issue opens, offers effective yield up to 12.25%

ICL Fincorp is proud to announce the launch of its latest public issueof secured redeemable non-convertible debentures (NCDs), opening on April 10, 2026. With an effective yield of up to 12.25%, this offering presents an attractive, secured investment opportunity for those who require flexible tenures. Following the remarkable response to our previous NCD issues, we are truly honoured by the trust and confidence our valued investors have placed in us. This continued support inspires us to deliver even more robust financial solutions tailored to our customers' evolving needs. Each NCD carries a face value of ₹1,000. The issue offers 10 options(10 ISINs), with tenures of 13, 24, 36, 60, and 72 months, with monthly, annual, and cumulative interest options, with interest rates ranging from 10.00% to 12.25%.

HPCL concludes flagship HP Power Lab 2026, showcasing young innovators in energy sector

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) concluded HP Power Lab 2026, its flagship national innovation initiative aimed at fostering innovation, strengthening industry-academia collaboration, and providing industry exposure to students. The initiative aligns with the vision of building a future-ready India, contributing to larger goal of Viksit Bharat. The Grand Conclave, held at Symbiosis International University, Pune, marked culmination of a nationwide hackathon.

Babhaleshwar-Kudus 400 kV transmission line commissioned

The Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (Mahatransco) has commissioned its ambitious Babhaleshwar–Kudus 400 kV transmission line on Thursday (April 9), strengthening power infrastructure in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The newly operational line is expected to enhance the stability, reliability, and efficiency of power supply across Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, and Ahilyanagar districts. The project will help reduce transmission losses by approximately 5 MW and improve voltage levels across the region.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Rathnamma and Others** have filed the petition for death certificate deceased **Narasamma w/o late Rampada Muniga @ Ramapada Mariga @ Muniga who was died on 14-08-1962.** At Bidalapura village Chanarayapatana hobali Devanahalli taluk Bangalore Rural dist if any of the parties who are objections or claims may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge & J.M.F.C Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 3/6/2026, at 11-00 AM in C.Misc. No 274/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Anil Kumar .V, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Rathnamma and Others** have filed the petition for death certificate deceased, **Rampada Muniga @ Ramapada Mariga @ Muniga S/o Late Narasimha who was died on 18-10-1960.** At Bidalapura village, Chanarayapatana hobali, Devanahalli taluk, Bangalore Rural dist, if any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil judge & J.M.F.C Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 3/6/2026 at 11-00 AM in C.Misc.No.273/2026**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Anil Kumar .V, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Immovable Property bearing Municipal No.702, PID No.68-6-702, Property New E.PID No.7908383245, situated at 4th Block, Koramangala, Erstwhile BBMP Ward No.68, built on a site measuring East to West 11.9 metres and North to South 9.2 metres, in all measuring 109.48 sq. metres, from Mr. Randeep Sachdeva S/o. Mr. I. S. Sachdeva.

Anybody having any right, title, interest or share in the schedule property shall notify the same to the undersigned with documentary evidence, within **FIFTEEN (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will purchase the schedule property, as if no valid claims are subsisting against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Municipal No.702, PID No.68-6-702, Property New E.PID No.7908383245, situated at 4th Block, Koramangala, Erstwhile BBMP Ward No.68, built on a site measuring East to West 11.9 metres and North to South 9.2 metres, in all measuring 109.48 sq. metres, and bounded as follows: **East by:** Site No.707, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.701, **South by :** Site No.703.

The schedule property consisting of Ground Floor and other upper floors built with RCC Roofing with all civic amenities.

K. SURYAPRAKASH RAO, Advocate
Chakravarthy Complex, Sajjanrao Circle,
V.V. Puram, Bangalore-04.
Mobile No: 9845347114, 6360911979.
Date: 15-04-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. Ganesh Anand Ponnappa** S/o Ponnappa and his wife **Smt. Malathy M.** have been entered into sale agreement to purchase a property more fully mentioned below in schedule from Smt. Mini W/o Kempurajan If anybody have any claims or interest over the schedule property, or objection to the Sale transaction, may file their claim or objections to the under signed in writing with support in documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If any claim or objections are not received within the stipulated time, my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the property free from all encumbrance. Any claims received beyond **15 days** will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 19, notified area, Katha No.42/1/135 New EPID No.8494072724, situated at Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthy Nagar, K.R. Puram Hobli, Erstwhile Bengaluru South Taluk, now Bengaluru East Taluk, previously Krishnarajapura City Municipal, Bengaluru, presently comes under limits of BBMP Ward No.26, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq. feet together with RCC roofed house thereon and bounded on **East by:** Site No.20, **West by:** Site No. 18, **North by:** 20 feet Road and **South by:** property No.44.

T. RAMESH, Advocate
No.8/1, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Appaiah Garden,
Jogupalya, Ulsoor, Bengaluru- 560 008.
Ph: 9743066477. Date: 15/04/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that our client Sri.K.Venkatesh,S/o.Krishna Reddy, Residing at #3417, 3rd cross, 10th main, behind SSB School, Indiranagar, 2nd stage, Bangalore - 560038, My client is the absolute owner of Survey No.17, measuring 1 Acre, Situated at Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. My client has lost Original deeds (i) Sale deed dated 26-05-1966 executed by Sri.Appayanna in favour of Sri.Thirumalappa, registered as document No.737/1966-67, Book-1, Volume-957, Pages 245 to 246 and (ii) Sale deed dated 27-12-1977 executed by Smt.Thimmakka in favour of Smt.V.Susheela, registered as document No.2032/1977-78, Book-1, registered in the office of Sub registrar, Bangalore, My client has lost the above mentioned documents while shifting the office and the same is not traceable even after her best efforts. In this regard our client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost report No.2156803/ 2026, dated 15-04-2026 If any person/s, Bank/anybody having any right or claims over the above mentioned property may lodge his/their objections/claims if any in writing failing which certified copy of the lost document shall be treated as the original title deeds and construed by our client that there are no claims/objections. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession please handover the same to the below said address within 15 days.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Tata Silk Farm near
Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-04.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL, UNIT BENGALURU (CCH:73)
O.S. No. 25126/2025

PLAINTIFF :

SMT. MINNIE VARGHESE, W/o. Late Mohan Varghese, Aged about 71 years, R/at Nos 41, 42, 43 & 44, Katha No.248 of Horamavu Agara Panchayath, Vaddarapalya Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk

Vs

DEFENDANT

1. SRI. G. NARASIMHA REDDY GUDIBANDY
2. MINIE VARGHESE A @ LAKSHMI
(PROPOSED DEFENDANT)

NOTICE TO THE PROPOSED DEFENDANT Under Rule 20 of CPC

Mrs. Minnie Varghese @ Lakshmi Residing at No.202, 18th Floor, Chirag Prajwal Apts, 7th Main Road, B.M.PWard, Kurubarahalli, Bengaluru.

WHEREAS the above-named Plaintiff has filed this suit for a Declaration. You are hereby summoned to appear before 72nd Addl City Civil & Sessions Court (CCH-73) this court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the petition or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions, on the **2nd day of June 2026 at 11.00 am** to answer the same, failing which the above suit will be determined your absence.

SCHEDULED PROPERTY

All the pieces and parcels of property bearing Site Nos. 41, 42, 43, & 44, Katha No.248, situated at **Vaddarapalaya Village, Horamavu Agara Panchayat, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangalore.** Measuring: East to West:80 Feet and North to South (63+64)/2 Feet, total and measuring 5080 square feet, along with R.C.C Roofed Building, 1845.66 square feet in Ground floor, Mosaic flooring, Teak Wood Doors, and Windows, with basic amenities Sanitation, Water and Electricity, bounded on the: **East by : Site No.40 &45; West by : Deejay Pvt., Property; North by: Road; South by : Road.**

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this **6th day of June 2025.**

BY ORDER OF COURT
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru
ADVOCATES FOR PLAINTIFF
Sinimol P J and Ruth Alice Thomas,
SRT Law Associates,
No.33/3, 2nd Floor, Balaji Building,
Hennur Main Rd., Kothannur Post,
Narayanapura, Bengaluru
Karnataka - 560 077.
Email: info@srtlawassociates.com

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE NO.RW-F/S/146/2026-27/01 Dated: 13.04.2026

On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic bids for the following work through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in from experienced/ reputed contractors in the field.

Tender No.: RWFSTPTRT_CWS2ndSlab_2526. **Due Date & Time:** 30.04.2026 at 14:15 Hrs. **Scope of Work:** Refer RWF and IREPS Website. **Distance Slab:** Above 500Kms & upto 1000kms. **Quantity:** 1300MT. **Estimated Tender Value:** Rs.53,17,000-00. **EMD Amount:** Rs. 1,06,300-00. **Contract Period:** Minimum 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance.

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client **Shanaz Begum**, residing at No. 8, 3rd Floor, Q No. 3rd Cross, Mackan Road, Bharthi Nagar, Bangalore-560001. She has lost registered Document No. 926/2005-06, dated 28.05.2005, & Document no. SHV-1-03384-2005-06, dated 20.10.2005, both registered in the office of sub-registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore & Document no. HLS-1-00211-2012-13, dated 25.04.2012, registered in the office of sub-registrar Halasuru, Bangalore & has lodge a police complaint with Bangalore City Police **vide lost report no. 2009393/ 2026, dated 14.01.2026.** If any person/s find the same, the public is hereby requested to return the same to the address mentioned below for which my client will be obliged.

H.A.AMARNATH Advocate
#272, 2nd Block, R.T.Nagar,
Bangalore 560032
Mob : 9886585809/ 7899865859/ 9880206878
Bengaluru Date : 16-04-2026

DOCUMENT LOST

I, Lakshamma,
W/o. Late N. Narasimha Murthy
R/a No. 47, 3rd Cross,
A.K.Colony, Banaswadi, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 043
have lost **Registered Gift Deed** bearing **Document No. BNS-1-00317-2011-12 CD No. BNSD89, date of Registration 15-4-2011**
Sub-Registrar Office, Banaswadi, Bengaluru while shifting the House

Finders please contact: 99725 93855 or inform near by Police Station

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT, AT BENGALURU.
M.C. No. 244/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. Rashmikant.N.Rathod ...PETITIONER

AND: Smt. Priti R Rathod ... RESPONDENT

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To, **PRITI R RATHOD**, W/o Rashmikant N Rathod, Aged about 58 years, Residing at D 807, Bren Northern Light Survey No.8, Garg street, Agrahara Village Main Road, Prakruthi Nagar, Kogilu, Bengaluru-560064

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 13(1) (i.a) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 against the respondent for respondent for relief of decree of Divorce and such other reliefs against you. Hence You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court, either in person or through the pleader on **02-06-2026** at 11:00A.M to answer the same, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Take notice that in default of your appearance, on **02-06-2026** at 11:00 A.M. the petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex- parte.

Given under my hand the seal of this court on 03-02-2026.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore

ANINDITA CHAKARBORTY, Advocate
No.74, 1st Floor, 6th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that our client is desirous of entering into certain transaction with **Kingston Ventures India Private Limited,** having registered office at No.28, 7th Cross, 8th Phase, 2nd Block EWS Layout, Near BK Circle, J P Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560076 **("Developer")** with respect to properties morefully described in the schedule hereunder **("Schedule Property").** The Developer has represented that it has the absolute development rights over the Schedule Property by entering into definitive agreement with its owner Mrs. K R Saraswathamma, daughter of late Ramaiah and no other person/s has/have any right, title or interest thereon.

Public is notified that any person having any right, title, claim or interest in whatsoever manner in the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing together with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claims are received within the aforesaid period, it shall be deemed that the Developer has absolute rights to develop the Schedule Property and the owner has clear and marketable title over the Schedule Property and our client shall proceed with the intended transaction with the Developer with regard to the Schedule Property, as if no claims exist or if they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the following immoveable properties situated at **Bhattarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.**

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent		Boundaries			
		Acre	Gunta	East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	41/1 (old No.41)	1	5	Remaining portion of Sy.No.41/1	Sy.No.44	Road and Sy.No.41/2	Sy.No.42
2.	41/2 (old No.41)	2	14.08	Remaining portion of Sy.No.41/2	Sy.No.44	Road	Sy.No.41/1

Adv. Harsha Sudhindra, Partner,
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas,
Advocates and Solicitors,
Prestige Falcon Tower, 3rd Floor, Brunton Road,
Off M. G. Road, Bangalore 560 025, Karnataka, India
Tel. No.: 080 67922000

Date : 16-04-2026
Bengaluru

ASHOKNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 050. Ph: 080-26506213, 26606365, Mobile: 99642 16663

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

To, 1. Mrs. Narmada S W/o Chandrakanth T N No 13 Ist Cross Eshwari Layout Indiranagar Bangalore-560038

2. Mr. Chandrakanth T N, No 13 Ist Cross Eshwari Layout Indiranagar Bangalore-560038

3. INDIA FINE CHEMICALS, No 271/1 14th Cross CMH Road Indiranagar 2nd Stage Bangalore -38.

We **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd., Bangalore,** had at your request granted to you various Credit facilities by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement/s and document/s duly executed in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in **Annexure-I.**

As security for the said financial assistance you have created security interest in favour of **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, interalia, by way of Hypothecation of Movable Properties / Mortgage of immovable properties by executing necessary security Documents/s /agreement/s. The particulars of the secured assets are specifically mentioned in **Annexure-II.**

In terms of the agreement/s and document/s entered into by you all with **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreement/sand Document/s* and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said agreement/s and Document/s. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has since been classified by **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, as a Non Performing Asset on **05/07/2025** consequent to the default committed by you No.1 in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** declares that the aggregate amount of **Rs.1,32,01,070/-(Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs One Thousand And Seventy Only) as on 08/04/2026** is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, hereby call upon you all jointly & severally to pay to **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum of **Rs.1,32,01,070/-(Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs One Thousand And Seventy Only) as on 08/04/2026** together with further interest thereon with effect from **08/04/2026** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are here by prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings/auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

ANNEXURE-I

Sl No.	A/c No	Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 08.04.2026 repayable by you
1	202100000670	60,00,000/-	**Rs. 59,07,746/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Seven Hundred And Forty Six Only)**together with further interest thereon with effect from 08/04/2026 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
2	202100000730	25,00,000/-	**Rs. 22,82,350/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Only)**together with further interest thereon with effect from 08/04/2026 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
3	202900000177	50,00,000/-	**Rs. 50,10,974/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Ten Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy Four Only)**together with further interest thereon with effect from 08/04/2026 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
		TOTAL	**Rs. 1,32,01,070/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs One Thousand And Seventy Only) as on 08/04/2026** together with further interest thereon with effect from **08/04/2026** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

ANNEXURE-II

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

All that piece and parcel of Immovable House property bearing Corporation No.13, situated at 1 cross, Eshwari Layout, Sastry Nagar, Bangalore (formerly Vacant Site No.9, formed out of Survey No.24/5-A, Ulsoor Village, Bangalore measuring East by 30 feet, West by 30 feet, North by 40 feet and South by 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., in area together With building Thereon, with all civic amenities together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the, bounded By:

East: 20 feet wide road, West: Site No. 10,
North: Site No.8, South: Property of Shamanna Gowda

Place: Bangalore
Date: 08-04-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that SRI LAKSHMANA, S/o. DEVAIAH, aged about 61 years, No. 5/1, 10th Cross, Magadi Road, Bangalore is the absolute owner and in lawful possession of the residential property bearing Site No. 5 formed in Survey No. 61 and 62 situated at Malagala Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Ward No. 37, Bangalore measuring East-West 40' and North-South 15' totally 600 SFT. PID.No. 37-119-6/1 and bounded as follows:- **EAST BY** : ROAD, **WEST BY :** PRIVATE PROPERTY, **NORTH BY :** SITE NO. 6, **SOUTH BY:** PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The said property was self-acquired property by my client through Regd. sale deed dated 30-4-2008 executed by the Nagarabhavi Sub-Registrar Office Bengaluru and Registered as Document No. NGB-1-00275-2008-09 CD No. NGBD17 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nagarabhavi.

It is hereby informed that the original registered sale deed dated 30-4-2008 has been lost (Misplaced) in this regard a complaint has been lodged before the Bangalore City Police on 3-4-2026 which has been registered as lost Report No. 2138034/2026.

Any person who finds the above said original documents is requested to return the same to the undersigned.

The general public is hereby cautioned that any person dealing with the above property on the basis of the said lost documents or otherwise shall do so at their and risk and consequence and any my client shall not be responsible for the same.

K.N. CHANDRAPPA, Advocate
283, 12th Main, 76th Cross, II Floor,
VI Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru.
Mobile: 9449669673

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed and requested the general public at large that, my client Sri. Maregowda S/o. Sri. Govindappa, r/at Arakere Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North - 560088 has lost the below mentioned original sale deeds pertaining to land bearing Sy. No.102/2, 103/3 and 103/5 situated at Addhevishwanathapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, while travelling from Arakere to Rajanakunte on 14/04/2026. That if somebody finds the documents listed below, is hereby requested to send it to below mentioned my address or produce before the Rajanakunte police station as already he has lodged police complaint in that regard. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document. The list of documents lost is as follows;

1. Original Sale Deed dated 10/07/1926 executed by Mr. Durga S/o. Hanumantha in favour of Mr. Muniga S/o. Lachuma, registered as Document No.874/1926-27 of Book-I, in Volume No.66 at pages 8-13 before Sub-Registrar, Rajaji Nagar (Peenya) Bangalore.
2. Original Sale Deed dated 28/01/1981 executed by Sri. Muniga @ Muniyappa @ Neeraganti Muniyappa S/o. late Sri. Sanjiga @ Nanjiga @ Kempa in favour of Mrs. Kempakka W/o. Maregowda, registered as Document No. 15239/1980-81 of Book No.I in volume No.3421 at pages 13-14 at the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk.
3. Original Sale Deed dated 10/10/1936 executed by Sri. Muniga @ Muniyappa @ Neeraganti Muniyappa S/o. Sri. Nanjiga @ Sanjiga @ Kempa in favour of Appaiah urf. Nareppa S/o. Sri. Chikka Nareppa, registered as Document No.1579/1936-37 of Book-I, in Volume No.374 at pages 165-166 at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Taluk.
4. Original Sale Deed dated 26/06/1944 executed by Appaiah urf. Nareppa S/o. Sri. Chikka Nareppa in favour of Mrs. Nanjamma W/o. Sri. Govindappa, registered as Document No.3/1944-45 of Book-I, in Volume No.705 at pages 37-38 before Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Taluk.
5. Original Sale Deed dated 16/03/1981 executed by Mr. Hanumantharayappa S/o. Late Mr. Chikkaiah, in favour of Mrs. Kempakka W/o. Sri. Maregowda, registered as Document No.19028/1980-81 of Book-I, in Volume No.3445 at pages 165-167 before Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk.

PRAKASH PATIL, Advocate
Flat No.S1144, Golden Woods Apt.
Sandal Wood Block, 1st Main 1st Cross,
Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar,
Bangalore-560 037. Mob : +91 9035022987

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions from and on behalf of my client **Smt. Renuka V.**, W/o M.S. Jagadeesh, aged about 63 years, residing at No. 453, 13th Main Road, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru – 560 010, I hereby inform the public at large that my client has entered into an Agreement of Sale dated 10/04/2026 with **Sri. Karthik Anand**, S/o Anand Kumar, aged about 43 years, residing at No. 100/1, "Akshaya", 10th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 011, in respect of the immovable property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder.

The said **Sri. Karthik Anand** claims to be the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and has agreed to sell the same free from all encumbrances, charges, liens, claims, or legal disputes whatsoever in favour of my client.

Any person(s), financial institution(s), bank(s), or authority having any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, tenancy, easement, inheritance, or any other objection whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to notify the same in writing, along with documentary proof, to the undersigned within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no claims or objections are received within the above stipulated period, it shall be deemed that no person has any claim or objection over the Schedule Property and the proposed transaction shall be completed in favour of my client without any further reference.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing the Residential Vacant Site bearing No. 51, EPID No. 1473547808, Khatha No. 41-51, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 feet, totally admeasuring 4,000 (Four Thousand) Square Feet, carved out of converted land bearing Survey No. 41 of Anjanapura Village, pursuant to Conversion Order dated 23/04/1997 bearing No. BDS:ALN:SR(S) 402/1996-97, and presently falling within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 196, Anjanapura and bounded by: **East by :** Site No. 55, **West by** : Road, **North by :** Site No. 50, **South by :** Site No. 52.

Sri. RAGHAVENDRA C., Advocate
No. 109, 1st Floor, SSI Area, 5th Block,
Rajajinagar, B-10, Mob: 9845089883
Email: rag2012hu@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client ('Client') is desirous of entering into sale transaction in connection with the immovable property morefully described in the 'Schedule' hereto and hereinafter referred to as 'Schedule Property'. The present owner of the Schedule Property being Mr. Santosh Kumar K ('Owner') has represented that he is the absolute owner of the 'Schedule Property', as detailed in the Schedule hereto, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the present Owner, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, interest or claims whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their objections, if any, to the proposed transaction in connection with the Schedule Property. The said objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s and should reach us at the address given below within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the present Owner have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing (i) Portion of undivided right, title and interest in the composite Schedule A Property; and (ii) Unit No. 3113, having a super built up area of 2,148 square feet along with one covered car parking being constructed on the Schedule A Property at Pursuit of a Radical Rhapsody being constructed on all that piece and parcel of immovable properties bearing BBMP Khatha No. 21 (earlier forming part of Survey No. 170), & Khatha No. 345 (forming part of Survey No. 175) situated at Hoodi Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring 18 Acres 4.6 Guntas

Date: 14.04.2026; Place: Bangalore

Tejas Khiraiya
Partner,
Dharma Law Partners,
507, Westminster Building,
Cunningham Road, Bangalore - 560053

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notify that, my client **Sri.Yashawanthkumar.K.V S/o Sri.K. Varadaraju** resident of Bengaluru are intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner namely Sri.Moodalagiri Shetty S/o Venkatappa Shetty, Residing at Kowdly Village, Koppa Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District.

Any person/s having any objections or claims of any manner whatsoever are called upon to approach the under signed along with documents in support of such claims/objections, if any within 15 days from this date, in the event of no such claims are received, it would be presumed that, no third party is having any objections/claims for my clients to proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Property bearing E.P.I.D No.9649310429, Western Portion of Vacant Site No.10, Khaneshumari No.10, Khata No.43, Herohalli Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 25 Feet, North to South 69 Feet, totally measuring 1638.75 Square Feet, and bounded by: **East**:Remaining Portion in Site No.10; **West**:Property belongs to Shree.Kalamma; **North**:Road; **South**:Property belongs to Sri.Sadashivappa and Sri.Siddagangappa.

(K.N.CHANNAPPA GOWDA),
Advocate KAR/2253/2002
No.118/1, Varalakshmi Bhavan,
Near BMTC Bus Stop, Kurubarahalli
Bengaluru -560086, Mobile – 9972584848

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to Purchase the Schedule Property described in the Schedule herein and in respect thereto my office is undertaking due diligence of title of that **1) Sri. G. Doddagiriyappachari** Aged about 80 years, S/o Late Giriyappa Achar Residing at: No. 3/3 Main 1st Cross, opp Ayappa Temple Steet, G M Complex, V V Badavane Hoskote, Bangalore Rural - 562114, and **2) Sri. G Vishwanatha Char** aged about 61 years S/o Late N. Giriyappa Achar Residing at: Safal Market, Khajisonnenahalli, Kannamangala, Bangalore - 560067 who has represented that they acquired the Schedule Property through Release Deed bearing Document No. BDH-1-00320-2022-23 dated 13.04.2022. Any person or persons objecting to the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property and persons who have any right, title, interest or ownership or any other right or claim in the Schedule Property shall lodge his/her/their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication. Further, claims or alleged interest or objections if any, which are not received within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes and shall no longer be considered. Any objections and/or claim and/or response received thereafter will not be considered by my client will proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

: SCHEDULE PROPERTY :

All that piece and Parcel of agricultural land measuring 7 Guntas of land in Sy.No.61/10 (old Sy 61/3) Khatha No.1, Goravigere Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:-

East : **Property belonging to Ganesh Reddy and Govt. Small Pond.**
West : **Property belonging to Ganesh Reddy.**
North : **Property belonging to Ganesh Reddy.**
South : **Property belonging to Nanjundachar and Rajamma Shivakumar.**

Bangalore, Date : 14.04.2026

Sri. Naresh Babu S.R, Advocate,
No. 501, Springseas Sunshine Apartment,
Vaasthu Bhoomi, Near ICICI Bank,
Seegehalli, Kannamangala Post,
Bangalore - 560115. Ph: 7022331177
nareshvakilchambers@gmail.com

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
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IDFC FIRST Bank

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	163739880	Loan Against Property	1. Gangadharaiah A 2. Lakshmamma A	11.03.2026	INR 9,87,504.18/-

Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No. 44/1 Having RDPR Unique Code No./property No. And E-katha No. 152900401901400956 According To Form No. 11b Issued By The Rural Development & Panchayath Raj, Lakshripura Grama Panchayathi, Situated At Melehalli Village, Taluk And District: Ramanagara, Karnataka-561201, Measuring East To West 5.486400000000001 Meters And North To South 15.8496. Meters, In Total Measuring 86.96 Sq. Meters And Thereon Building Measuring 86.96 Sq. Meters And The Property Bounded As: **East : House Of Nagaraju Son Of Byrappa, West : Site Of Siddappa Son Of Siddaiah, North : Govt. Road, South : Land Of Kadaligowda Son Of Kadaligowda**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** . Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 16.04.2026
Place : Ramanagara, Karnataka

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POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]
(For movable/ Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 21.05.2025 calling upon the borrower **Sri Harikrishnan Radhakrishnan, & Manikanthan Radhakrishnan** partners of **M/s. Harmony Inc,** No 41, Classic Orchid, Phase I , BG Road, Behind Meenakshi Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs 52,54,193.86 (Rupees. Fifty two lakh fifty four thousand one hundred ninety three rupees and eighty six paise)** with interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **15th day of April 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs 52,54,193.86 (Rupees. Fifty two lakh fifty four thousand one hundred ninety three rupees and eighty six paise)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of theconverted residential land bearing Site No. 60, carved out of Sy. No 61/2 of property carved under Schedule 'A' situated bearing khatha no. 2651/60 , in the layout known as " Aratt grand town " phase 1 , situated at Soppahalli Village , Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk , Bangalore Urban District. Property identification no. 150200101300421415, totally measuring on the East by 9.14 Meters , West by 9.14 Meters. North by 9.39 Meters and South by 9.77 Meters, in all measuring about 87.61 Sq Mtrs (943 Sq ft) and bounded by : On the **East by :** Site No. 63, On the **West by :** 15.24 M Wide Road, On the **North by :** Site No. 61, On the **South by :** Site No. 59. **(Property in the name of HariKrishnan R)**

Date: 15.04.2026
PLACE: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — DABASPET

(A Government of India Undertaking)

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POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX IV under Rule 8 (1) Section 13(4) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **03.02.2026** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, **Smt. Veena V** W/o Govinadaraju #307, 5th Main, 17th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. **Also at:** 55/1, 4th Cross, C – Block, Gayathri nagara, Bengaluru -560021. **Also at:** Yeranapalya, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nealamangala Taluk, Benagaluru Rural Dist-562123. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 8,38,54,715.05** (Rupees Eight Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Rupees and Five Paise Only) as on **31.01.2026** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **13 April 2026.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank,Dabasapet** for an amount of **Rs. 8,26,85,671.58** (Rupees Eight Crore Twenty Six Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One and Fifty Eight Paise Only) as on **10.04.2026** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs theron.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of land & building situated at Village - Lakshmanapura, Hobli - Thyamagondlu, Taluk - Nelamangala, Dist - Bengaluru Rural-562132, property with one Warehouse (Godown measuring 1,05,000 Sq ft) constructed thereon in below mentioned properties

Sl No.	Sy No.	Extent	Boundaries	Owner
1	Converted Sy No 33	05 Acres 21 Guntas) (including Kharb)	East: Prop. of Gangamma, West: Prop of M Ramanna, North:Grama thana Property. South: Prop. of Chikkathimmaiah	Veena V

Date : 13.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: EE(E) /PDN/AEE-2/26-27/87-88 **DATE :10.04.2026**

NOTIFICATION

KPTCL have formulated a scheme under section 28 of the Electricity Supply Act 1948 and the same is here with published in pursuance of section 29 (ii) of the said Act for information of the general public. Particulars of the scheme are as follows.

1. Name of the scheme:

i. Establishing 2x31.5 MVA, 66/11kV sub-station at Jnanabharathi Layout (Nagadevanahalli) in Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
ii. Running 66KV, 1000Sq.mm SC U.G. Cable from existing 220/66kV Nagarabhavi sub-station to proposed 66/11kV Jnanabharathi Layout (Nagadevana halli) sub-station for a route length of 5.170 Kms in Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
iii. Running 66KV, 1000 Sq.mm SC U.G. Cable from existing 66/11kV Sir M.V.Layout sub-station to proposed 66/11kV Jnanabharathi Layout (Nagadevana halli) sub-station for a route length of 1.870 Kms in Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
iv. Construction of each one no. of 66KV Terminal Bay at existing 220/66/11kV Nagarabhavi Sub-station and existing 66/11kV Sir M. V. Layout sub-station for terminating 66kV 1000 sqmm UG cable from proposed Jnanabharathi Layout sub-station in Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

UG cable Passes through these area Roads: Doddabasthi main Road, Kengeri-Magadi Link Road, Amma Ashram main Road, Outer Ring road, Annapoorneshwarinagar main Road, Nagarabhavi Road, Nagadevanahalli, Jnanabharathi Layout.

Estimate Cost of the Project: 9553.44 Lakhs

2. Name of the scheme:

i. Establishing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Sub-station at Karehalli in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
ii. Running 66KV, 1000 Sqmm UG Cable LILO from proposed CTT in existing 66 kV NRS-DB Pura-Vijayapura SC line to proposed 66/11KV Karahalli sub-station for a route length of 1.205 Kms in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

UG cable Passes through these area Roads: Sy. No. 9,10,11,12,155,157 Kodugurki Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Karehalli and Nandi hills road.

Estimate Cost of the Project: 4320.51 Lakhs.

The corporation shall have and exercise all powers, which the telegraph authorities process under Para (iii) of Indian Telegraph Act 1885(13 of 1885) for carrying of the above scheme. Objection or discrepancies to the scheme, if any should be sent to **the Executive Engineer (Ele.) Project Division North, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru** within 15 Days from the date of publication of this notification for consideration by the corporation.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Project Division North, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009.

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	S K Fruits (Borrower) Mr. Sadiq Syed, Mrs. Nusrath Bano, (Guarantors) Mr. Sadiq Syed (Mortgagors) Loan Account Number 141605011807	All that part and parcel of the property bearing municipal old No. 119, Assessment No. 2067/119, E katha (PID No.) No. 21-1-513-61A2N measuring East to West 9.14 Mtr. and North to South 15.24 Mtr. in total measuring 139.4 Sq. Mtr. situated at No. 61A2N, 4th Cross, Block 1, Ward No. 21, RMC Yard, BM Road, Channapatna Town and Ramanagara Dist. Bounded By: On the North by: Site No. 118 On the South by: Site No. 120 On the East by: APMC Road On the West by: Site No. 70 Note: It is the sole responsibility of the successful buyer to get the NOC from the APMC, Channapatna.	Rs. 58,70,863/- (as on April 04, 2026)	Rs. 45,00, 000/- / Rs. 4,50, 000/-	April 18, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	April 30, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link- assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Private Ltd. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by April 29, 2026, before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before April 29, 2026, by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before April 29, 2026, by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before April 29, 2026, by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084/8008999536.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : April 16, 2026
Place: Bangalore (Ramanagara)

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Alcaraz pulls out of Barcelona Open

Carlos Alcaraz withdrew on Wednesday from the Barcelona Open because of a wrist injury that bothered him in his first-round match. "I won't be able to continue in the tournament," Alcaraz told reporters a day after his win over Otto Virtanen. The Spaniard had also pulled out of the tournament in the 2024 edition due to injury.

VAISHALI MAKES GIANT MOVE, SET FOR WORLD TITLE BATTLE

Indian Grandmaster wins women's Candidates, becomes only the second from the country after Humpy to advance to World Championship match

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

FOR a minute or so, R Vaishali composed herself. Sat in her office chair just before making her 40th move of the final round of the women's Candidates, she was calculating a line with a clear checkmate for her at the end of it. But the beginning of that particular line was a devilishly tricky one to find — 40. c4. On comms, GM Sahaj Grover said 'it was 10/10 tough move to find'. It was tough to find because it wasn't a natural move to make. But once she found that move, the end was near. The eval bar gave her a huge advantage over Kateryna Lagno, a legend of the game.

Thirty minutes later, she allowed herself a smile, after Lagno resigned with check-mate staring her in the face. In the almost 100-year history of the women's World Championship, only one Indian had advanced to the summit clash (Koneru Humpy in 2011). In what was the biggest game of Vaishali's career thus far, the Chennai girl was at her tactical best as she outmaneuvered and outthought her opponent before advancing to the World Championship match against Ju Wenjun.

R Vaishali | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

A professional career spanning less than 10 years had reached its apogee in a large hall inside a luxury Cyprus hotel.

When Wednesday had dawned on the island, the final round of the event promised fireworks in the women's section just because of the possibilities and permutations. As many as six women had theoretical chances of winning. But two — Vaishali and Bibisara Assaubayeva — were out in front, leading by 0.5 points. To add to the narrative, Assaubayeva was facing the other Indian, Divya Deshmukh. Divya had a sharp chance but she also did well to hold the position to draw the game with the white pieces. The Kazakh could have pushed but was wary of overextending her position. On the other board, Vaishali was already up a pawn and had a small advantage but there was still a lot of danger on the board. Now, Vaishali had fate in her own destiny. She had to consider both options. Play safe and take the Candidates to a tie-breaker against Assaubayeva on Thursday. She decided to play for the win.

Fighting past Tan

After a very slow start, she had beaten Goryachkina in the sixth round to get a first win. But what really turned it around for her was the win over Tan in the next round. After defending a near hopeless position for an hour, she bagged a big point over the Chinese with a brilliant rook sac.

Two wins with black

With black, the aim is to always be solid and not play sharp, ambitious lines. Some of the 24-year-old's more chaotic games have come with the black pieces, including when she beat Kateryna Lagno with an accuracy of 87.6 (the Russian's was at 80.5%).

HOW HISTORY WAS MADE

Less than a decade ago, Vaishali started to approach chess from a professional angle. Now, she has become the first Indian woman to qualify for the title match in the current format. A look at how she won the women's Candidates...

Resourcefulness

Coming up with tactics on the fly is what gives players most of the wins. Vaishali is a gun here. Blockading a runaway pawn, ability to run interference or trapping an opponent piece in a cul-de-sac... Vaishali has used most of these tactics to either prosper or draw games in Cyprus.

Vaishali's path to victory: Rd 1: Bibisara Assaubayeva (draw); Rd 2: Divya Deshmukh (draw); Rd 3: Anna Muzychuk (draw; Rd 4: Aleksandra Goryachkina (draw); Rd 5: Zhu Jiner (loss); Rd 6: Kateryna Lagno (win); Rd 7: Tan Zhongyi (win); Rd 8: Assaubayeva (draw); Rd 9: Divya (win); Rd 10: Anna (draw); Rd 11: Goryachkina (win); Rd 12: Jiner (loss); Rd 13: Zhongyi (draw); Rd 14: Lagno (win).

Results (Rd 14) Open: Javokhir Sindarov drew with Wei Yi, Matthias Bluebaum Anish Giri bt Matthias Bluebaum, Fabiano Caruana by Andrey Esipenko, R Praggnanandhaa drew with Hikaru Nakamura. **Women:** R Vaishali bt Kateryna Lagno, Divya Deshmukh drew with Bibisara Assaubayeva.

2011 Koneru Humpy is the only Indian woman to have featured in a title match. It came against Hou Yifan in Albania in 2011

From feeling lost to career peel: Her story

BENGALURU: In 2023, R Vaishali had hit the crossroads. The final GM was elusive and big wins had dried. She had put too much pressure on herself as she chased rating points and the norm..
When she pulled back, things fell into place as she learned to enjoy her chess again. Speaking about her journey, coach RB Ramesh said every player has their ups and downs and it was something similar with one of his oldest wards. He was proud that Vaishali didn't lose hope. "There will always be ups and downs in a player's career and Vaishali has had her share of ups and downs," he told this daily. "Despite all that, what matters is we keep the journey on and not lose hope in ourselves. Make use of the chances that come in our way and she has managed to do that exactly. Really happy and proud about this."

In focus: Gukesh-Sindarov clash years in the making

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

SINCE the beginning of 2024, an Indian player or team has won the Candidates, the Olympiad as well as the world title.

Since the beginning of 2022, an Uzbekistan player or team has won the Candidates, the Olympiad as well as the World Cup. It's why the upcoming World Championship, spanning three weeks from the end of November, has been in the works for at least a few years. India and Uzbekistan have dominated the game over the last few years. This match-up between D Gukesh and Javokhir Sindarov — who have, between them, featured in two gold-medal winning Olympiad team teams, won two Candidates, one World Cup and one world title — is also logical for another reason. A clash between two 20-year-olds.

In 2012, Viswanathan Anand and Boris Gelfand featured in the World Championship. They were both over 40 at the time. In 2026, when the match begins, the combined ages of both protagonists will be 40.

The pandemic hastened the arrival of prodigies on to the world stage and this title clash is the ultimate proof of where elite chess is headed. Youngsters and prodigies, barely out of their teens, routinely winning the biggest tournaments.

The match itself promises to be a blockbuster because they are both well-rounded players who will fight not for survival but for creating chances. That's even before getting into the narrative-rich dynamics.

There has been a rivalry brewing between India and Uzbekistan for the last few years. The latter came and pipped India in India for Olympiad gold in 2022 in Chennai (Sindarov was part of that team). Nodirbek Abdusattorov, Uzbek's own child prodigy, has already beaten Gukesh a few times in classical chess. In a video last year, supposed to be taken lightly, he said he didn't think Gukesh will retain the title. There's a feeling that he will likely help Sindarov during the match.

They are friends off the board and have already shared the world stage during their Olympiad exploits with Uzbekistan. Both are familiar with each other, have a good chemistry and will be comfortable with each other. Apart from that, it will also give Abdusattorov a ringside view of the prep needed before and during the clash. GM Srinath Narayanan agrees with the assertion that this final has been years in the making. "They have players of a similar age," the coach-cum-administrator, tells this daily. "Similar stories, growing up in front of us over the last few years. It's also exciting to have super young players to decide the World Championship."

Javokhir Sindarov | NIKI RIGA / FIDE

Events won by Uzbekistan or Sindarov since 2022 (only Open)
- 2022 - Olympiad
- 2025 - World Cup (Sindarov)
- 2026 - Candidates (Sindarov)

Events won by India or Gukesh since 2024
- 2024 - Olympiad
- 2024 - Candidates (Gukesh)
- 2024 - World Championship (Gukesh)

While he does say that Sindarov will be the favourite if the match was to start tomorrow, overall, 'they are two exceptionally strong players who are pretty well rounded'. "I'm still not sure what to make of Javokhir's style. He has progressed a lot in the last 2-3 years. Some of the things which were perceived to be a weakness of his, he has made tremendous progress. I don't see any stylistic differences. At their best, it would be hard to find any particular weaknesses against either of them."

The other clear theme of the game is how chess has become super young, especially at the very top. Narayanan, who has coached some of India's wunderkinds, including Arjun Erigaisi, says 'change is happening at a much faster rate'.

Final venue

The venue for the final is yet to be decided but Emil Sutovsky, CEO of FIDE, put out an interesting post. "India and/or Uzbekistan are two logical options (to host the tournament)," he wrote on X.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Hazlewood hits high notes for holders RCB

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

ON Tuesday night, Tom Moody, global director of cricket at the Lucknow Super Giants, hoped that Bengaluru's traditionally placid tracks may act as a 'tonic' for Nicholas Pooran. The West Indian batter, one of the crown jewels of the game in this format, has not had a great time of it of late.

The southpaw, coming into the fifth game of the season for the franchise, had registered scores of 8, 1, 13 and 19. "I'm sure that the opportunity tomorrow night (Wednesday) at a venue where batting can be something that players can enjoy, the size of the ground, the surface, could well be the tonic that the top-order needs," he told reporters on the eve of the game. "Obviously Nicky (Pooran) is fully aware of the slow start he's had. We've got absolutely 100% confidence in what he brings to the table. As I say, class is permanent."

Pacer Josh Hazlewood (R) celebrates with his RCB teammates | VINOD KUMAR T

In 2025, Pooran, retained for ₹21 cr, had enjoyed a huge season as he had scored 489 at just under 200. This season, though, he has had to drop down to the middle order with Rishabh Pant opting for a promotion.

On a pitch where shot-making was loaded with risk — it was a tad tacky with hitting through the line was difficult at least to begin with — the hosts sensed some blood. So Rajat Patidar, an under-rated gambler with his punts, decided to front-load Josh Hazlewood. He had already done some damage to Pant's left elbow, a back of a length delivery striking the captain where there's not a lot of flesh. He was in a lot of distress when he walked off the field.

The Australian, who has the rare ability to bowl Test match lengths in T20 cricket while remaining unhittable, found that spot on a good length area. Off Pooran's first two deliveries, he kept him quiet. It was good old first morning of a Test length on a Wednesday night in Bengaluru. It's why Hazlewood is one of the GOATs. 2-0-6-0.

Off the next over, Rasikh Salam bowled four balls to Pooran but he didn't get away. There was a low-toss that Pooran, on a good day, would have despatched to the fence. He also didn't take the bait when Salam went short as he ducked under. Again, signs of Pooran struggling for rhythm.

He managed to get a single off the final over of the powerplay. This act forced Patidar into a decision. With the powerplay done, he could have immediately gone to spin. This, though, is why RCB and Patidar have been great for each other. He had seen enough and gave the ball to Hazlewood for a third over on the bounce. A ball later, it was done. Thanks for turning up, good night and please switch off the lights on your way out. Angling away from him after pitching on the stumps, Pooran tried to pull it. The ball wasn't there for that shot and he only managed to edge it on to the stumps.

Brief scores: LSG 146 in 20 ovs (Marsh 40; Rasikh 4/24, Bhuvneshwar 3/27) **lost to** RCB 149/5 in 15.1 ovs (Kohli 49; Prince 3/32).

'Varun is world class, he'll fight back'

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

KOLKATA Knight Riders bowling coach Tim Southee admitted that his team has to improve its overall bowling in order to restrict opponents to gettable total and win games. Against CSK on Tuesday, KKR lost their third game in the IPL by 32 runs.

KKR conceded 72 runs in six overs, which helped CSK eventually post 192/5 in 20 overs. "On Tuesday, we were probably just a little bit short and a little bit wide at times during the powerplay and you can't do that in a tournament like this. We are better looking to come after you from ball one. I think Karthik Tyagi bowled exceptionally well, which is a positive to take forward in the next game. We know Vaibhav Arora has been a seasoned performer for KKR and had success in the IPL so I'm sure he'll bounce back to his best over the next few games as well," said Southee.

India spinner Varun Chakravarthy has not been at his best in the IPL so far. Even in the T20 World Cup after the initial league phase there was a drop in his performance in the remainder of the tournament. But Southee has faith in the abilities of Varun and insists that the Chennai based spinner will bounce back. "Look at Varun's record in the IPL, it's an unbelievable record (...)," said Southee.

"It's just like anything when the confidence is up, you have a lot more confidence in yourself, but at the moment he's training hard, he loves bowling, he's always working on his game so I'm sure like I said his record in the IPL is an unbelievable record for India so he's a world-class player and I'm sure he'll be back to his best in no time," added the Kiwi.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MUMBAI FACE KINGS CHALLENGE

CAN MUMBAI INDIANS GET BACK TO WINNING WAYS AGAINST UNBEATEN PUNJAB KINGS, A LOOK...

Eyes on Rohit

Though Rohit Sharma underwent scans, there is no update since on his fitness and availability. The former captain was retired hurt in the previous game against Bengaluru and did not take the field since. It should not be a surprise if he misses out.

Pandya's captaincy

On paper, Mumbai have one of the strongest teams which includes top India stars and the best bowler in the world. Yet skipper Hardik Pandya has not been able to make things work on the field. The sooner he gets his tactics right the better it is for MI.

Mumbai Indians vs Punjab Kings @ Mumbai | Live on Star Sports and JioHotstar, 7.30PM

EXPRESS READ

Abhishek and Axar added to NADA's RTP

NEW DELHI: World Cup-winning stars Abhishek Sharma and Axar Patel were noticeable additions to the NADA's Registered Testing Pool, which was dominated by athletics, for the second quarter of the ongoing year. Abhishek and Axar have replaced Smriti Mandhana and Shreyas Iyer in the latest list of 348 sportspersons in the RTP who will be required to share their whereabouts with the anti-doping agency and be available for testing in a specified window everyday.

India secure third place with thrilling victory

NEW DELHI: The India women's football team registered a thrilling 3-2 win over Malawi in the third-place play-off of the FIFA Series 2026 in Nairobi, ending their campaign on a positive note on Wednesday. Astam Oraon (18'), Aveka Singh (45+1'), and substitute Priyadharshini Selladurai (84') were on target for India, while Khumalo Ireen (42') and Henry Deborah (60') scored for Malawi.

TN, WB and Delhi paddlers enter last 16

DEHRADUN: Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Delhi stamped their authority early on, cruising into the pre-quarterfinals from their respective groups in the U-19 girls' team event at the UTT Inter-State Junior and Youth National Table Tennis meet here. With just one round of league matches remaining, the outcomes will have little impact on the three teams, who have already sealed their spots.

Shubhankar takes two-shot lead at Boulders Classic

HYDERABAD: Shubhankar Sharma carded a second consecutive six-under 66 to take a two-shot lead after round two of the inaugural Rs 1 crore Boulders Classic here on Wednesday. The 29-year-old Shubhankar (66-66), a six-time DP World PGTI winner, is playing his first event on the tour since the Tour Championship in Jamshedpur in December 2021. He moved to the top of the leaderboard at 12-under 132 with a steady and controlled display over the first two days.

AXELSEN WALKS INTO THE SUNSET

Double Olympic badminton champion Viktor Axelsen announced his retirement at 32 on Wednesday, saying back problems meant he could no longer "compete and train at the highest level". A look...

Big loss for badminton

Axelsen, who won gold at the Tokyo Games in 2021 and in Paris in 2024, had back surgery in April last year and said he had not managed to overcome his physical issues. "Accepting this situation has been incredibly difficult," the 32-year-old said in a statement.

Gold mettle

Axelsen won Olympic gold at the Tokyo Games in 2021, becoming the first non-Asian to claim the title since 1996. He followed that up by defending his title at the Paris Games, emulating his hero Lin Dan.

Dane good service

Axelsen retires as one of the most decorated players in history, having also won two world titles and a bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. He spent more than 100 consecutive weeks as World No 1, an achievement surpassed only by Malaysian great Lee Chong Wei. Standing 6 feet 4 inches, Axelsen redefined what a player could do on the court.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL

PSG & Atletico enter Champions League semifinals

AGENCIES @ Paris

OUSMANE Dembele's double guided Paris Saint-Germain into the Champions League semi-finals as a 2-0 win over Liverpool at Anfield on Tuesday completed a 4-0 aggregate win for the holders.

To compound the English champions' woes, Hugo Ekitike suffered a serious-looking injury that could end his season and hinder Liverpool's chances of being back among Europe's elite next season. Arne Slot's men sit fifth in the Premier League and will end the campaign trophyless after being kept at arm's reach by a PSG side that did not need to be at their brilliant best to reach a third consecutive semifinal.

Defeat means there will be no glorious goodbye for Mohamed Salah after nine memorable years on Merseyside. Slot showed little sentiment as he dropped the Egyptian to the bench on his final Champions League appearance in red.

PSG's Ousmane Dembele celebrates after scoring against Liverpool | AFP

Meanwhile, Atletico Madrid sent 10-man Barcelona crashing out with a 3-2 aggregate victory despite 2-1 quarterfinal second leg defeat. Lamine Yamal and Ferran Torres fired visitors Barca ahead inside 24 minutes but Ademola Lookman's strike gave Atletico the edge in the gripping all-Spanish tie once again after their 2-0 win in the first leg. Diego Simeone's side returned to the semifinals for the first time since 2017 by holding on against the La Liga champions in a compelling and bloody battle. Barcelona defender Eric Garcia was sent off for bringing down Alexander Sorloth as he ran in on goal in the final stages, hampering their chances of finding a third goal to force extra-time.

Results (Q/F second legs): Liverpool 0-2 PSG (PSG win 4-0 on aggregate); Atletico 1-2 Barca (Atletico win 3-2 on aggregate).

Mahabalipuram has a new Glow Garden that lights up once the rest of the city closes at sundown

Statue of Unity park adds Maze Garden, Miyawaki Forest and houseboats on Narmada River for tourists

West Kameng in Arunachal Pradesh welcomes you to a kaleidoscope of river valleys, monasteries, rhododendrons, snowy passes and so much more!

A glimpse of Bumla Pass

HEAVENLY ABODE

AVANTIKA ROY

AS one enters Arunachal Pradesh through Bhalukpong, the gateway to the state, one is sure to feel a change in the air and with the Kameng river flowing alongside the road, the journey suddenly becomes serene! Before diving head first into our holiday we pull over in Dirang to acclimate. Unlike the bustling hill stations, here, you feel grounded. During our down time here, we made our way to the famous Dirang monastery, surrounded by hills, which does not have much in the way of show but has more to do with the ambience. It paints an unrefined picture of kids playing football on open fields and monks going about with their routine. What better way to relax, rejuvenate and prepare oneself for freezing weather in Dirang than a hot spring bath and a stroll around apple orchards.

Members of the Monpa tribe

Rhododendron

A few kilometres away lies the picturesque Sangti Valley, which is considered to be one of the most peaceful spots in the region and for good reason. Spacious and uninfluenced, it allows one to witness nature in all of its rawness without any distractions. There are streams running through the valley, surrounded by yaks grazing in the fields and some wooden houses here and there. A homestay feels innate when it comes to vacationing in such a valley. The absence of network connections makes everything more precious — from the sound of raindrops on wooden roofs to the dream-like movement of clouds in the sky and even occasional sightings of roaming horses in open fields.

The journey from Sangti to Tawang involves experiences beyond boundaries, both in terms of geography and scale. The journey through Sela Pass is when the green surroundings transform into snowy landscapes. Sela Pass rises to more than 13,000 feet with temperature ranging from 0°C to -10°C making it extremely cold. Snow-covered streets and unfaltering fog will guide you to the surreal Sela Lake, which holds deep spiritual significance for the local Monpa community and is also counted among the sacred '101 lakes' of Tibetan Buddhism. Tawang is the most eminent spot in the whole of West Kameng, which lies at the crossroads of culture and devotion. Located here, the monumental Tawang Monastery is among the largest monasteries in India and its size alone can intimidate an unseasoned visitor. However, once inside, one can hear soft chants reverberating through the monastery and the sights stretch to a great distance towards the towering mountains around. Just off this location, lies the *Tawang War Memorial*, which offers a different story — a *stupa* built to commemorate the Indian martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the 1962 Indo-China war.

Balep Korkun

Our journey then brings us to the Bumla Pass, close to the Indo-China border, revealing another side to this adventure. Interactions with the army personnel based at this point reveal much about this region that no *Google* search could ever do justice to. On our way back from here, our car follows the sound of flowing water from Jang waterfall and we find ourselves amidst greenery that surrounds it, bringing back the din of movement after days of walking through silent snowy areas.

Before concluding our vacation, we choose to spend a couple of days in the tranquility of the secluded village of Shergaon. Popular for its stunning Himalayan landscapes, this destination offers extensive apple orchards and rich Sherdukpen (indigenous tribe) cultural heritage. Besides its 400-year-old *Zengbu Gompa Monastery*, the village is also enveloped in vibrant rhododendron blooms and so, we choose to spend the final leg of our trip here. For those who love flowery drinks — might we suggest taking the local special *buransh* (a traditional red Himalayan beverage made from rhododendron arboreum) as souvenirs from the trip!

Nearest railhead & nearest airport: Guwahati

Must try: *Balep Korkun* (Tibetan bread)

Stay at: Taksar Lu Farmstay Shergaon, Dirang Monastery and Thinley Homestay

Yaks

TRAVEL DIARY

A new way to experience the largest river island in Assam

Learn traditional mask-making (*Mukha Xilpo*), engage in traditional theatre and participate in workshops with local artisans on your next vacation to Majuli, Assam. Beyond being a paradise for birdwatchers and nature lovers, the island housing Natun Chamaguri Satra (monastery) offers workshops with mask-makers, the *Bhakats* (monks) who practice this art as a devotional tradition, which are then used in *bhaona* (theatre performances).

Have you visited India's Longest Cantilever Glass Bridge yet?

India's longest cantilever glass skywalk is now open at the Kailasagiri Hilltop in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. This 55-metre (approx. 180 ft) structure is located 862 feet above the ground, surpassing the previously known longest bridge in Vagamon, Kerala and offers panoramic views of the Bay of Bengal and the Eastern Ghats. Built with imported German glass designed to handle up to 100 visitors at a time. Tickets to experience the bridge start at ₹250 per person.

Offbeat destinations to experience in Kashmir

KASHMIR'S SINTHAN TOP IS SET TO REOPEN NEARLY AFTER A YEAR AND WE CURATE A PERFECT ROAD TRIP LISTING ALL THE DESTINATIONS AND EXPERIENCES A GLOBE-TROTTER SHOULDN'T MISS!

Activities to do on the peak

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

IF you've already seen the mainstays like Gulmarg or Pahalgam and want something more raw and less touristy in Kashmir, then Sinthan Top is absolutely worth visiting! Sitting at 12,500 feet, it is a pass that connects the Anantnag district of Kashmir with the Kishtwar district of Jammu. Road-trippers, please note that the drive from Daksum to Sinthan Top is one of the most scenic in India, featuring dense pine forests that give way to sharp, hairpin bends and sheer mountain walls. It is often the first place to get snow and the last place to lose it. Even in June, you are likely to find massive snow walls lining the road. If you visit between April and early June, you'll drive through narrow corridors of snow that can be 10–20 feet high, which is an experience in itself.

Daksum & Achaba are two unmissable stops on the way from Anantnag. Daksum is a lush, quiet forest retreat with the Bringhi River flowing through it, which is perfect for a quiet picnic. Achabal features a historic 17th-century Mughal garden with unique ancient water engineering. Additionally, Kokernag Botanical Garden, located on the route, is home to the largest freshwater spring in Kashmir and is famous for its trout hatchery.

From the summit, you get a panoramic view of the Pir Panjal and Greater Himalayan ranges. On a clear day, you can see both the Kashmir Valley on one side and the Chenab Valley on the other. Because Sinthan Top holds snow longer than almost anywhere else, it has become a niche spot for activities like skiing and snowboarding, even in April and May.

During the summer months, the slopes around Sinthan are dotted with the mud-and-stone huts (*kothas*) of the Bakarwal and Gujjar shepherds. Because there is zero light pollution at the top, if you manage to stay late (though most return to Kokernag), the night sky is incredibly clear for stargazing. About 10 km from Daksum, there is a small trail (3 km) that leads to Girsar, a crystal-clear spring that's a favourite for locals but rarely seen by tourists.

Aarshan is another notable spot! This high-altitude meadow about 21 km past Daksum is where *bhojpatra* (Himalayan Birch) trees grow. The bark of these trees was used in ancient India to write manuscripts. The Bringhi River, which follows you for much of the drive, is famous for its Rainbow Trout. Before concluding this getaway, take a detour to Kokernag, where you can savour fresh trout prepared in traditional Kashmiri style at several local restaurants and government fisheries.

Tourist at the summit

SPIRITUAL

*Why **Badrinath** is much more than just a Char Dham temple stop*

Badrinath is often pigeonholed as a quick temple stop, but if you look beyond the holy shrine, it is actually the epicentre of a high-altitude wilderness that feels like the edge of the world...

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

BADRINATH is much more than just a temple stop; it's a gateway to high-altitude landscapes and deep-rooted legends that feel like they've stepped right out of an epic poem. But before venturing on a getaway, take a dip in Tapt Kund's natural thermal springs, which are located just below the temple. Even in freezing weather, the water remains hot (around 45°C), is rich in sulphur and is believed to have medicinal properties. A three km uphill walk from the town leads to a boulder with imprints believed to be the footprints of Lord Vishnu, called *charan paduka*. It offers a fantastic bird's-eye view of the entire Alaknanda valley.

Just three kms from Badrinath, Mana is where many travellers go. It's the last inhabited village before the Indo-Tibetan border and here, you can visit Vyas *Gufa* (the cave where Sage Vyas supposedly composed the Mahabharata) and Ganesh *Gufa*. Next, head to Bhim *Pul*, a massive natural rock bridge over the roaring Saraswati River and legend says Bhim placed it there for Draupadi to cross. Do not miss out on a hot delicious cup of *chai* at the Last Indian Tea Stall before leaving town!

Neelkanth Peak

Badrinath Temple

Joshimath-Auli Ropeway

Bhim Pul

For adventure seekers, a moderate 6 kms trek from Mana leads you to the 400-foot Vasudhara Falls. Local lore says the water drops will 'avoid' falling on anyone who isn't pure of heart. Neelkanth Peak, also known as the 'Garhwal Queen,' is a pyramid-shaped, snow-clad peak that towers over Badrinath and is a must-climb. For serious trekkers, a multi-day glacial Satopanth Lake trek (at roughly 14,000 ft) is legendary. The lake is triangular and it's believed the Trinity (Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh) meditates at its three corners.

Take a day to detour around Joshimath (45 kms away), which is home to the ancient Shankaracharya *Math* and the ropeway to Auli, India's premier skiing destination. The popular *UNESCO World Heritage* site Valley of Flowers is only about 25 kms from Badrinath to the base at Govindghat.

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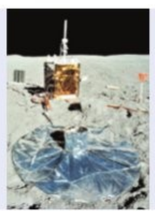
DAY'S DIARY

Apollo 16 launched

Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, was launched on this day in 1972, atop a Saturn V launch vehicle

THE LANDING

The spacecraft reached the lunar orbit on April 19. The crew circled the moon for several hours in their two spacecraft until it was safe to descend on its surface



CREW

The crew consisted of Commander John Young, Command Module Pilot Tom Mattingly and Lunar Module Pilot Charles Duke

RETURN

Apollo 16 spent a total of 5 days and 6 hours in lunar orbit, circling the Moon 64 times. The crew then departed for Earth and returned on April 27

Events happening in Bengaluru

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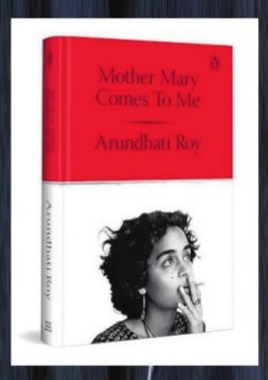
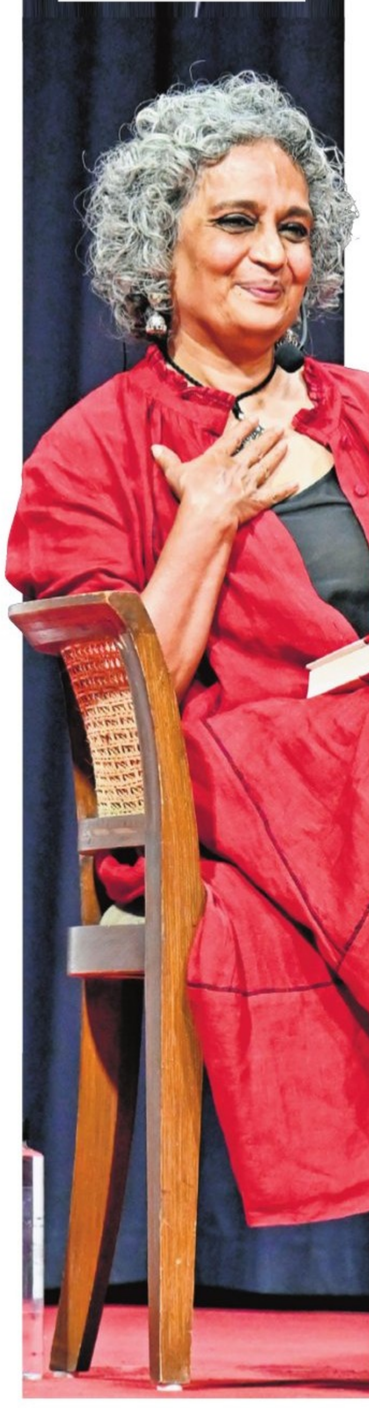
'I DON'T SEE MYSELF AS A SUCCESSFUL WRITER'

During her visit to the city, Arundhati Roy took readers through an intimate and unsparing look at memory, motherhood and the making of a writer





ANJALI RAM

VERY often, when writer **Arundhati Roy** speaks about life, it doesn't feel overly confessional or distant. It sits somewhere in between, where memories are revisited with utmost care and honesty. That tone carries over into her writing as well, as she moves easily between the personal and the political without forcing neat conclusions. And her latest book, *Mother Mary Comes to Me*, follows that same rhythm.

Shaped by a childhood that was at once extraordinary and unstable, anchored by Mary Roy, her mother, who was both her force of liberation and contradiction, who she calls 'both storm and shelter', is at the heart of the book. "My mother taught me to be free and then raged against my freedom. She taught me to write and then resented the writer I became. It was up to me to accept the gifts and refuse the rage," she says, during a recent book discussion held at St. Joseph's Boys' High School on Museum Road.

In her memoir, Roy does not attempt to reconcile these contradictions. Instead, she chooses what to carry forward. She replaces the bitterness with a kind of clarity that directly feeds into her writing. "I actually don't have that bitterness. I left home at 16, and that distance shaped who I became. I told myself to write what I couldn't forget. That became the book," she says.

Even within this landscape of violence and contradiction, humour persists in her writing, as one can see. Whether recounting her mother's unconventional parenting methods or absurdly tender memories – like being sent to fetch bras across continents, Roy returns repeatedly to laughter as a form of survival in her book. "There is nothing worth fighting for if there's nothing to laugh at. Learning to laugh is a militant act," she notes, as laughter or humour becomes a way of refusing despair, of maintaining agency in the face of it.

If her personal narrative resists a simplification, so too does her position within the literary world. With a Booker Prize under her belt, she shares that she would like to remain wary of labels, particularly that of success. "I don't think of myself as a successful writer in any simple sense. Look at the people I write about – battered, broken, killed, genocided – they are still being broken and erased," she says, pointing towards the metrics that sit uneasily alongside the realities she documents, adding, "I have a slight repulsion towards success. Those who strut around with it are often the most boring."

For Roy, writing is not an act that begins at the desk but one that runs parallel to living. "Writing is almost like breathing. It's something I do all the time. There was a part of me taking the hits and a part of me taking notes. I was always writing my way out of what I was trapped in," she explains.

At the same time, she insists on emotional honesty as the starting point of any writing, especially with the current landscape of war and violence across the world. "Literature cannot be separated from the world it lives in," she says, adding, "You can't write what you don't feel." Whether political or personal, she believes the difference lies in urgency and not particularly in truth. "When I write political essays, something in my body changes. There is an urgency that comes from confronting what is happening around us," says the 64-year-old author.

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

In B'luru for the screening of his film *The Great Indian Kitchen*, director Jeo Baby goes back to where it all began, even as he steps into a new space as his latest outing *Krishnashtami* is ready to be screened at the Moscow Int'l Film Festival starting today

Plateful!

ANJALI RAM

THERE is a saying by a Mexican poet – "Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable," a line later repeated by British street artist Banksy. This is what filmmaker Jeo Baby's films do. One great example is *The Great Indian Kitchen* (2021), which was recently screened at the Calorie Film Festival at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur.

Following the recent screening, the conversation around his cinema extended beyond frames and into lived experience. Now, standing on the threshold of the 48th Moscow International Film Festival (MIFF), Baby is stepping into a new space – as a lead actor in *Krishnashtami: The Book Of Dry Leaves*, directed by Abhilash Babu. The film breaks away from conventional storytelling, adopting a still-image documentary style. "The modern representation of a poem or a new filmmaking style is entirely the maker's vision. It gives me immense happiness to be part of something so different, especially as a protagonist, and to see it go to MIFF - it feels like a moment of pride," he shares with *CE*.

But even as his work travels globally, Baby remains grounded in questions closer home – cinema, politics and representation. Reflecting on the current landscape and the question of certain films now being categorised under the 'propoganda genre', he does not hold back. "Especially after the ruling party came into governance, films and the awards associated with them are incomprehensible," he emphasises, pointing to what he sees as a growing overlap between politics and recognition in cinema.

With his films taking strong stands against topics like feminism and homosexuality, he turns to *The Great Indian Kitchen*, where it all started. "The kitchen is the central character. And I chose this only because of my experience. After my marriage, my wife and I took the decision to share household chores. Later, the whole responsibility fell on me," he says. His filmmaking has never shied away from difficult conversations. Yet, the impulse behind it is deeply personal for him. "My intention was never to satisfy the audience but myself. If the creator enjoys the work, eventually the audience will," he says.

That philosophy is evident in the way he approaches storytelling – not by creating heroes and villains simply but by exploring the individuals in his films who are often products of larger social conditioning. "Of course, a character may have negative shades, but they are shaped by society. So the change cannot be individual – it has to come from within every household," he explains. This perspective also shapes how he sees his own work and growth. "My films have changed me too – I may be better than before, but I'm not ideal," he admits, acknowledging the ongoing nature of that transformation.

At the same time, Baby is clear about the role of discomfort in art. His films deliberately resist easy consumption, pushing audiences to confront what they might otherwise ignore. Speaking further about the controversy around *The Great Indian Kitchen* and its remakes , including the Save Indian Family Foundation, calling the film a toxic feminist film, he has only one comment – "Many films have the capacity to trigger people, but being an artiste, we shouldn't shift our focus towards just anything," he concludes.

The proposed draft IT rules have caused concern, with many pointing out the implications for free speech in online spaces

Eyes on IT

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

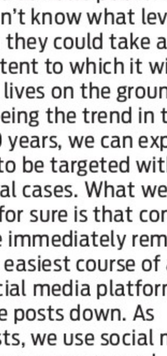
FOR most young people today, staying informed about the news and participating in political discussions both happen online – through news posted on Instagram, opinions declared on X, podcasts on YouTube and memes shared everywhere. When The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's recently published its draft Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Second Amendment Rules, 2026, it is this sphere that has come into focus. Soon after the rules were released, online creators, activists and groups like the Internet Freedom Foundation opposed it, pointing out that the rules expand government control over online content amid 'increased government directed censorship, especially of online political speech that includes parody and satire of the government, including the Prime Minister.' Recently, a coalition of six journalist groups, have called for the draft to be withdrawn calling it a threat to press freedom. IT Secretary S Krishnan, however, has called the changes 'clarificatory' and mentioned that the ministry is open to suggestions. As the extended deadline (April 29) for the public to submit feedback approaches, Bengalureans share their thoughts.

Mazin Iqbal, content creator

Creators will worry about livelihood

Initially, I thought tightening security and compliance is good because we've been seeing a lot of deepfakes and AI content online. However, it's not possible to make everything apolitical. I've made videos about governance and civic issues before, but now I'm worried that if these amendments do get passed, how can I be sure that I won't face repercussions? Many independent creators, especially would think twice about expressing an opinion that might endanger their livelihood – their account being taken down and sponsorships being reduced. I'm curious to see if these rules will affect meme pages too, which exist for all kinds of political topics and are merciless with criticism.

(Inputs from Nitya Dani)



Aishwarya Ravikumar, activist (General Secy, B'luru, People's Union for Civil Liberties)

Step towards surveillance

The amendments may appear to be small but they dramatically change the legal liability of platforms and target the freedom of speech of individuals who use social media. They are nothing but another step towards the censorship and surveillance of sharp influencers, artistes, comedians and others whose work has been so central in speaking truth to power. All of them are now going to be treated as news publishers. We don't know what level of action they could take and the extent to which it will affect lives on the ground. But seeing the trend in the last 10 years, we can expect them to be targeted with criminal cases. What we do know for sure is that content will be immediately removed as the easiest course of action for social media platforms is to take posts down. As activists, we use social media to raise awareness and condemn violations of rights – this could threaten that freedom. But we too are reliant on similar information as other people, so this will affect not just our right to speak but our right to listen to, see and learn from other individuals and organisations.

Maj. Vineet Kumar, founder, CyberPeace

Balanced implementation will be key

By incorporating advisories into the due diligence framework under Section 79, the amendment seeks to reduce interpretive ambiguity for platforms and regulators. However, this raises important considerations around proportionality, legal certainty, procedural transparency and its potential implications for free expression in digital spaces. Its implementation will be key to sustaining trust. Ensuring a safe, open and rights-respecting internet will depend on maintaining a careful balance between regulatory agility and constitutional freedom.

Devishi, undergrad student

People will be more cautious about expressing political views

With the rise of misinformation, it seems like a necessary step to introduce some form of regulation. I'm in favour of the rules but I do have some concerns. I mostly consume news online through social media and digital platforms rather than print or television. Because of that, I am concerned about how these rules might influence online political discussions, especially whether people may become more cautious about expressing their views.

Jino Matthews Raju, fintech lawyer

Dilutes constitutional guardrails

Some provisions in the draft rules transgress constitutional boundaries set for delegated legislation. For instance, it proposes that intermediaries will have to comply with any SOPs, advisories, and guidelines issued by the MeitY. If an officer in the ministry issues an SOP without any consultative process, those will also have binding legal effect, and contravention will result in penal action. When these rules further delegate the ministry to come out with binding SOPs, advisories, etc., that is a transgression, because such delegation was not contemplated by the legislature. The rules dilute the guardrails present earlier and and expand the scope of the executive.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Seshadripuram; 2) Madhava Nagar; 3) Gandhinagar

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) K Gururaj; 2) Dr. Poornima Sirpad; 3) Anilkumar J

BOOK NOOK

Maryam and Son
by Mirza Waheed

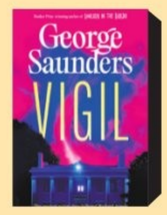
A mother's search for her missing son leads her into a world of suspicion and unbearable truths. As hope and doubt collide, she must confront what it means to love someone she may no longer recognise.

Prodigal Tiger
by Samantha Chong

Caroline returns home to find her brother missing and her past waiting for her. With ghosts rising and time running out, she must face the magic, the family and the choices she once ran from.

The Keeper
by Tana French

A girl's death in a small Irish village cracks open old grudges and buried loyalties. As Cal Hooper gets pulled in, the truth threatens not just the town but the life he has built there.



Vigil
by George Saunders

A seasoned guide to the afterlife meets a man who refuses to feel regret. What follows is a tense reckoning with grief, ego and the stories people tell about their own lives.

STORY ON THE WALL

Visitors appreciate an artistic curation of diverse voices at the 'A Measure of Many' exhibit at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

GRAPE SORBET

INGREDIENTS

- **Grapes:** 500 g
- **Sugar:** 100 g

METHOD

- Wash and destem the seedless grapes, then freeze them for at least four hours or overnight.
- Dissolve the sugar in 120 ml of water over medium heat to create simple syrup. Allow it to cool.
- Blend the frozen grapes with the cooled syrup and a tablespoon of lemon juice.
- Pour it into a shallow, freezer-safe container. Freeze it for four hours until firm.
- Let the sorbet sit at room temperature for 5-10 minutes to soften. Scoop the finished treat into bowls.

Contributed by **KH Athira,** Kozhikode

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

Is it safe and effective to do heavy workouts during your menstrual cycle?

- The sharp drop in hormone levels prior to menstruation, many women experience symptoms of anxiety, depression, increased insulin responsiveness, food cravings, fatigue, headaches. But exercising can actually make your period more manageable, decreasing many of these symptoms.
- It is safe and beneficial to exercise during your period, unless your doctor advises against it. The only caution is to avoid certain yoga poses.

ASK AN XPERT

- Working out can help decrease cramps by releasing endorphins, increasing blood flow and loosening muscles in your lower abdomen, back, and thighs. It also helps rid your body of excess water so you aren't bloated and improves and stabilises your mood, making you less anxious, angry or depressed.
- If you are just beginning an exercise programme and suffer from cramps and other period-related issues, then start out slowly. Listen to your body, do not overdo it.

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COULD YOUR 'HEALTHY' PLANT-BASED DIET BE ROBBING YOU OF IRON?

A plant-based diet can be incredibly beneficial but only if it's strategically planned. A lot of individuals who eat clean, struggle with fatigue, low energy and poor recovery. These are clear signs of low iron.

1. **UNDERSTAND THE IRON ABSORPTION GAP:** Plant foods contain non-heme iron, which is significantly less absorbable than heme iron from animal sources. One should focus on absorption effeciency.
2. **YOUR 'HEALTHY FOODS' MAY BE BLOCKING IRON:** Many plant foods contain phytates and oxalates that inhibit iron absorption. Even beverages like tea, coffee or matcha can reduce absorption significantly.
3. **RECOGNISE HIDDEN DEFICIENCY SYMPTOMS EARLY:** Any signs such as fatigue, low stamina, poor concentration and frequent illness, are clear indication of iron deficiency.
4. **PAIR IRON WITH VITAMIN C:** Vitamin C can dramatically enhance non-heme iron absorption.
5. **INCREASE IRON DENSITY, NOT JUST VOLUME:** Prioritise iron-rich staples such as lentils, tofu, pumpkin seeds and dark leafy greens among others.
6. **PLAN, DON'T ASSUME:** Research shows poorly planned plant-based diets can increase the risk of iron-deficiency anaemia. Structure meals with intentional nutrient balance, not just 'clean eating.'
7. **SUPPLEMENT SMARTLY (IF NEEDED):** If diet alone isn't enough, supplementation may be required, especially for women, athletes or those with higher needs. Only supplement after testing and professional guidance.

Iron intake is not just about eating well but how well the body is absorbing it. Small changes in food pairing and timing can make a meaningful difference. Stay attentive to early signs and address them before they affect performance. With the right approach, a plant-based diet can support both health and energy effectively.

By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Bengali Flavours

Welcome the Bengali New Year, Poila Boisakh, with an indulgent culinary celebration. Savour an authentic spread featuring Bengali classics such as shorshe ilish, chingri malai curry, kosha mangsho, luchi with aloo dum and desserts like mishti doi and rosogolla.

WHEN: Till April 19, 12.30pm (À la carte) and 7pm (buffet) onwards
WHERE: The Bengaluru Brasserie, Hyatt Centric MG Road Bangalore
CALL: 95915 10193

Sharp Hue

Unleash your inner artist at this knife painting workshop by learning to create textures and vibrant landscapes using palette knives. With no prior experience needed, enjoy a relaxed, creative evening meant for everyone.

WHEN: April 16, 1pm onwards
WHERE: Espressoulster Coffee, Koramangala **CALL:** 89043 97434

Play Ball

For anyone whose passion for cricket never faded, experience a blend of sport and team spirit. Meet new people, enjoy friendly banter and make connections with a fun and competitive social cricket experience. **WHEN:** April 16, 9pm
WHERE: Turf City Sports, JP Nagar
CALL: 96205 57599

Drink Discoveries

Witness three bar experts, Kim, Mike and Tenzin, come together for a one-of-a-kind bar takeover. The night promises bold flavours, crafted cocktails and an experience with no repeats.

WHEN: April 16, 7pm **WHERE:** Ishaara, Residency Road **CALL:** 97780 62926

Dance It Out

Get ready to groove to Bollywood, commercial and desi music as DJ Nithin and DJ Nikz take over. With a vibrant ambiance and unstoppable beats, step into the electrifying vibe for a midweek escape.

WHEN: April 16, 8pm
WHERE: Badmaash, Koramangala
CALL: 78294 71000

Laughter Nights

Catch a laughter-packed stand-up evening featuring Taral Shah and Pronoy Chowdhury. The line-up brings together observational and anecdotal humour, promising relatable takes and easy laughs.

WHEN: April 16, 8.30pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
CALL: 96119 39277

Rock On

Enjoy a live music night meant for rock & retro music fans. From legendary riffs to power ballads, vibe to the greatest rock anthems and classic retro hits performed by Bengaluru band Blue Knights. Experience a journey through decades of pure rock ₹n₹ roll energy.

WHEN: April 16, 8pm
WHERE: SkyDeck By Sherlock's, MG Road **CALL:** 90191 10142

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PIERCING LOOK

Prerana Naveen, a Class 9 student from Bengaluru, captures the intent gaze of a cat turning its eyes on the viewer

CFS affects the brain and nervous system through dysregulation of neurotransmitters, altered autonomic function and impaired energy metabolism

UNSEEN WEIGHT OF FATIGUE

DARSHITA JAIN

FOR many people, fatigue is something a good night's sleep can fix. But for those living with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), everyday life feels like an uphill climb, even when medical tests appear normal and reassuring.

Explaining what happens inside the body, Dr A Santosh Sriram, consultant neurologist, says it goes far beyond simple tiredness. "CFS affects the brain and nervous system through dysregulation of neurotransmitters, altered autonomic function, and impaired energy metabolism. Patients commonly experience brain fog, poor concentration, memory difficulties, sleep disturbances, headaches and increased pain sensitivity. A key feature is post-exertional malaise, where even minimal physical or mental activity leads to disproportionate worsening of symptoms. These changes reflect complex interactions between the central nervous system, immune system, and stress-response pathways."

Adding context to how it presents clinically, Dr Shraddha Sanghani, consultant internal medicine, points out, "CFS, also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis, is a complex and often misunderstood condition characterised by persistent, unexplained fatigue lasting more than six months. Unlike regular tiredness which improves with rest, CFS fatigue is profound, not relieved by sleep and often worsens with physical or mental activity (a feature called post-exertional malaise). Common contributing factors include viral infections, immune system dysregulation, hormonal imbalances and psychological stress," explains Dr Sanghani.

Dr Santosh Sriram explains that patients often feel frustrated with normal reports. "There is no single diagnostic test for CFS. Evaluation is primarily clinical. Doctors assess cognitive and sleep symptoms using clinical history, cognitive screening tools, and, when needed, formal neuropsychological testing. Sleep studies may be used if a primary sleep disorder is suspected. Blood tests help rule out conditions such as thyroid disorders, anaemia, vitamin deficiencies, infections and metabolic or psychiatric causes that can mimic or worsen fatigue," shares Dr Sriram.

On why the exhaustion feels so severe, Dr Santosh explains the body's response to even minimal effort. "Abnormalities in nerve signalling and muscle function can contribute to fatigue in CFS. Patients may have altered autonomic regulation, reduced exercise tolerance, and abnormal recovery after exertion. These factors, with possible changes in cellular energy handling, lead to persistent exhaustion, body pain, reduced stamina and delayed recovery even after minimal activity," notes Dr Sriram.

Regarding day-to-day management, Dr Sanghani emphasises the importance of balance. "Patients benefit from a structured daily routine that balances activity with adequate rest, often referred to as 'pacing'. Overexertion should be avoided, as it can trigger symptom flare-ups. A balanced diet rich in whole grains, lean proteins, fruits and vegetables supports overall health and maintaining hydration is equally important. Some patients find small, frequent meals helpful in managing energy levels. Gentle, graded physical activity – such as stretching or short walks – may be introduced gradually, depending on tolerance. Good sleep hygiene, including fixed sleep schedules and limiting screen exposure before bedtime, is essential," Dr Sanghani expresses.

From a neurological perspective, Dr Sriram outlines supportive approaches. "Neurological management of CFS includes cognitive behavioural therapy, activity pacing (sometimes referred to as staying within the 'energy envelope'), sleep regulation, pain management, stress control, and treatment of associated anxiety or depression. Doctors may advise medications, physiotherapy and lifestyle modification to improve brain function, reduce fatigue severity, and enhance daily functioning.

Highlighting long-term care, Dr Sanghani adds, "Monitoring the progression of CFS involves regular follow-up to assess symptom severity, functional capacity, and quality of life. Simple tools like fatigue severity scales or activity logs can help track patterns and triggers. Referral to a specialist – such as a physician experienced in chronic fatigue, a neurologist, or a psychiatrist –should be considered if symptoms are severe, worsening, or associated with significant cognitive or mood disturbances. Multidisciplinary care, including physiotherapy and psychological support, often provides the best outcomes."

Living with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is not just about feeling tired. It is about navigating an invisible condition that disrupts daily life, often without clear answers and learning to manage energy in a world that rarely slows down.

ART OF PERFECT SMILE

Modern cosmetic dentistry blends science and beauty to give a reason to smile freely

SANJUKTA KULKARNI

SMILE and say cheese... A simple phrase, yet for many, it comes with hesitation. How often have you held back your smile, conscious of your teeth? What if confidence was just a transformation away?

Cosmetic dentistry, an advanced, ever-evolving field seamlessly blends science with aesthetics to enhance your smile, focussing on refining the appearance of your teeth, from correcting misalignment and gaps to treating gums and achieving luminous teeth.

Dr Aabha Kandlikar, general dental surgeon, explains, "Cosmetic dentistry involves procedures like teeth whitening, veneers and laminates, dental bonding using tooth-coloured resin, crowns and even gum contouring with lasers – all of which contribute to smile designing." At its core, it is about creating a smile that feels as good as it looks.

The appeal lies in its transformative potential. Treatments such as dental bonding can reshape and refine teeth, while gum contouring can balance a 'gummy' smile. Even a single session of whitening can deliver noticeable results.

However, like any aesthetic enhancement, it comes with considerations. "Case selection is crucial," notes Dr Kandlikar, "Certain procedures may lead to sensitivity, and long-term maintenance and follow-ups are essential for lasting results." She also advises caution for younger individuals, suggesting that such treatments are best suited post the mid-twenties, once dental development is complete.

Cosmetic dentistry is often misunderstood as a luxury reserved for celebrities. Dr Shashi Rani of Dr Jaiswal's Multispeciality Dental Clinic clarifies, "It's not just about beautification, it contributes to oral health." She points out how social media trends can sometimes fuel misconceptions, such as the belief that certain irregularities are 'lucky'.

Today, cosmetic dentistry is no longer an indulgence but an avenue to self-confidence.

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NUGGETS

Hosp expands facility

Aster DM Healthcare has expanded the women & children facility at its Whitefield hospital from 380 to 539 beds. The ₹96-crore expansion was inaugurated by health and family welfare minister Dinesh Gundu Rao & speaker UT Khader, in the presence of UT Ifthikhar Fareed, chairman of the Karnataka Allied and Healthcare Council.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. **Taj Mohammed Abdul Rajack** S/o. Late. Abdul Rajack, residing at No.779/171, Masjid Road, Akbar Garden, Yelahanka Post, Bangalore-560064, do hereby solemnly declare that **TAJ MOHAMMED ABDUL RAJACK** and **TAJ MOHAMMED** both the names are one and the same. I further declare that I have changed my name from **TAJ MOHAMMED ABDUL RAJACK** to **TAJ MOHAMMED** vide Affidavit dated 15.04.2026, sworn before Notary S R Ravikumar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAJU CHACKO, aged about 50 years, S/o Chacko, residing at No.65, Marian Nest, Greenfield Enclave, 3rd Cross, SRS Layout, Kagalipura, Huskur, Bengaluru - 560099, have changed my name from **SAJU CHAKO** to **SAJU CHACKO,** vide affidavit dated 15/4/2026 sworn to before D G Shanthappa Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SACHIN S S/o SOMASHEKAR RAO B V, aged about 20 years, Residing at, No.242/45, Ranga Residency, Flat No.G4, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Sri Gandhakavalu, Bangalore - 560091, have changed my name from **SACHIN S** to **SACHIN BHOSLE S,** vide affidavit dated 13/4/2026 sworn to before Devaraja E Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANISHA DEVI, (D-o-B: 20/07/1985), W/o. Shri. BACHCHE LAL PAL, resident of # FC 103, HAL C & D Type Quarters, S G Palya, C V Raman Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 093, KA India, have changed my name from **MANISHA DEVI to MANISHA DEVI PAL** vide affidavit dated: 15/04/2026, sworn before Notary Public, B. SESHAGIRI, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **MANISHA DEVI PAL** for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SAVITHA GANESH SHRIYAN, aged about 44 years, W/o UB Ganesh, residing at No. 42, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Pleg Maramma Temple, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560040, hereby declare that **SAVITHA G SHRIYAN and SAVITHA GANESH SHRIYAN** Both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as **SAVITHA GANESH SHRIYAN,** Vide Affidavit dated 14/04/2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary Deepa .M, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M CHANDRASEKARAN,** Service No. 1381751N S/o Late T Maniraj, aged about 58 years, residing at # 47, Abbiah Reddy Layout, 8th Cross, Doddabanaswadi, Bangalore-560043, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter name from **SWATHI .C** to **SOUNDARYAA C** henceforth she shall be known and called as **SOUNDARYAA C** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 10/04/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SONIA PRATAPBHAI AHUJA,** aged 52 years, W/o. Kumar L Rohera, Residing at No. 16/1, 1st A Main Road, Opp Jyoti Seat Works Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru -560027, Karnataka, have changed my name to **POOJA K ROHERA,** vide affidavit dated: 15.04.2026 before notary **SIVAKUMARA .M.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARSHIYA BANU,** aged about 28 years, (Changed DOB: 15-07-1998 from 01/01/1999, W/o Naheed Ahmed, residing at No. 155, 7th Cross, Mummy Daddy Layout, Kariyapanahalli, Bannerughatta, Anekal, Bangalore-560083, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HARSHIYA BANU** to **ARSHIYA BANU** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARSHIYA BANU** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15/04/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ramachandra P,** Aged about 43 years, S/o. Late Prabhakar Ramanna, R/at Flat No. 004, Sai Image Magna Apartment, Vallabha Nagar, Near Canara Bank, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore South - 560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **Mohith R.** to **Mohith R Kashyapa** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2026 sworn before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BEBI AYISHA. M** W/o **N. AZMATHULLA KHAN** residing at No. 20-1-21, Nimkam Palli Hindupur, Anantapur Andhra Pradesh- 515201 today camped at Bangalore. have changed my name to **N BIBI AISHA** vide affidavit dated: 15/4/2026 Before Notary **G.DAYANANDA** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASHEER**. (Old Name), Son of **Syed Khan,** resident of: No.9, Arogyamma Layout, Venkateshpuram, K.G.Halli, Bangalore -560 045, have changed my name to **SYED BASHEER**, (New Name), vide affidavit dated:14/4/2026 Before Notary **Chandrashekar.M** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sri. Narasimha R, S/o. Late Ramaiah, aged about 38 years, residing at No.262, Link Road, Anjanaya Block, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore -560020 have changed my name to Sri Narasimhaiah R Vide Affidavit dated 08/04/2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary M.S. Satish, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARSH KOTHARI SAJJANSINGH,** S/o Sajjansingh Kothari, Aged about 83 years, R/at No.2A, SJR Parkvista, Harlur Road, Near HP Petrol Pump, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, have changed my name from **HARSH KOTHARI SAJJANSINGH** to **HARSHWARDHAN KOTHARI,** vide affidavit dated: 15.04.2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mahesh Chanamallappa Mukartihal** S/o. Chanamallappa C Mukartihal, age 48 years, residing at No. B 001, Ground Floor, 4th Cross, The Lexton Apartment, Behind Calcutta Church, Kalpana Chawla Road, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Mahesh Chanamallappa Mukartihal** to **Mahesh .C.M ,** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2026, sworn to before C. Venkatapathy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRERANA .P,** residing at No. 46m Akshaya, 13th 'A' Cross, 1st Main, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRERANA** to **PRERANA P** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRERANA P** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15/04/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARCHANA**, aged about 43 years, W/o Sameer Bagepalli Ramesh, No. 320, 2nd main, Chennammanakere Acchukattu, Near Kamakya Theatre, Bangalore South, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARCHANA SAMEER** to **ARCHANA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARCHANA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 10/04/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AZIZ NABEEL ABDUL GANI, residing at No. 26, Haines Road, Bangalore -560051, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED AZIZ NABEEL ABDUL GANI to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED AZIZ ABDULGANI** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2026 sworn before Notary Leela.,Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VAZEFA BANU. M** W/o **M D Abubakar** residing at No. 26/4/1147, RTC Colony Hindupur, Anantapur Andhra Pradesh- 515201 today camped at Bangalore. have changed my name to **M. VAZEEFA BANU** vide affidavit dated: 15/4/2026 Before Notary **G.DAYANANDA** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AJAYEDWARD F, aged 29 yrs, S/o. Franklin, residing at No.7, 1st floor, Matha Pitha Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Rama Tent Road, Munivenkatappa Road, Near Satya Seva High school Venkateshpuram, Bangalore-560045, hereby declare that **AJAY EDWARD F and AJAYEDWARD F** Both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as **AJAYEDWARD F,** Vide Affidavit dated 01/04/2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Devakumari B,** W/o. Late Bharat Bahadur Singh, Aged about 67 Years, residing at No. 747, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560 079. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'DEVAKUMARI B'** to **'DEVAKUMARI B @ DEV KUMARI',** Vide Affidavit dated 15.04.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary H. Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUNAZIR KHAN,** S/o Abdul Azeez Khan, aged about 69 years, R/at No. 4/7, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, SRK Garden, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MUNAZIR ABDUL AZEEZ KHAN** to **MUNAZIR KHAN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUNAZIR KHAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15/04/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUDHIR TRIYAMBAK SHAMBHATNAVAR,** S/o Sri. Triyambak Krishnabhat Shambhatnavar, aged about 55 years, R/at A-31, Devina KPT Srishti Apts, Mani Vilas Garden, Kamalanagar, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUDHIR SHAMBHATNAVAR** to **SUDHIR TRIYAMBAK SHAMBHATNAVAR** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUDHIR TRIYAMBAK SHAMBHATNAVAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RATNA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVA KUMAR.V.H.** (Old Name), Son of B.V.HOLEBASAPPA, aged 36 years, Residing at NO.3-W-H-4-396, KADRI KAMBLA NEW CROSS ROAD, OPP. ANGANAVADI KADRI, MANGALURU, BIJAI-POST, DAKSHINA KANNADA-575004, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVA KUMAR.V.H.** (Old Name) to **SHIV KUMAR SHETTY** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHIV KUMAR SHETTY** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit Reg No. 34, Book-1, Page No. 09, dated : 12/02/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IBRAHIM DANIYAL** (Old Name) resident of No.21/1, 2ND MAIN ROAD, CHINNAPPA GARDEN, Bengaluru, 560046 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM DANIYAL** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 6/4/2026 Before Notary **Sivakumara. M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. **DINESH KUMAR** S/o DEEPCHAND JAIN, residing at No. 41. Flat No. 101, RIEHS Layout, Behind KEB Office, J.C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560086, do hereby solemnly declare that **Dinesh Kumar, Dinesh Kumar Jain & Dinesh Kumar Dak** all the names are one and the same. I further declare that I have changed my name from **Dinesh Kumar Dak, Dinesh Kumar Jain** to **Dinesh Kumar** vide Affidavit dated 14.04.2026, sworn before Notary Vanajakshi R, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYALAKSHMI KORI** (Old Name) R/o.I-1202, Brigade Gateway Residences, I-Block, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Malleswaram West, Bengaluru-55 I changed my name as **VIJAYALAKSHMI GURURAJ ANNIGERI** I state & declare that both names belongs to me. Sworn before Notary M.H.Meharwade Date : 13-04-2026

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRIYANKA GAWANDE,** D/o Avinash Gawande & Shilpa Gawande aged about 25 years, R/at Flat-K5, 2nd floor, Krishna Murthy Kanasu, CV Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru -560103, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **PRIYANKA AVINASH GAWANDE,** vide affidavit dated: 15.04.2026 before Notary **S I BALAGURU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. Divakara S. Rao** alias **Suryanarayanarao Divakara** alias S. Divakara aged about 84 years (Date of Birth: 12th January 1942) having Indian PAN No: AACPR7173F, Passport No: S1609613/ Aadhar No. 359319658525, S/o. of Mr. Suryanarayana Rao, currently residing at B-501, Adarsh Vihar, 5/1, Bannerghatta Main Road, next to Spar Hyper Market, Bengaluru-560029, state that all the 3 names, **Divakara S. Rao, Suryanarayanarao Divakara** and **S. Divakara,** refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. Sworn before notary: P. Anuradha (Reg No. LAW.LCL/151/2024) on 07/04/2026.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIMPLE RAJENDRA JAIN,** W/o Shanthilal G, Aged about 35 years, R/at No.8, 1st floor, Apartment No. 1B, 4th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my name from **DIMPLE RAJENDRA JAIN** to **DIMPLE JAIN** vide affidavit dated; 15.04.2026 before Notary **MEER HASSAN.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHARATHI,** aged 46 years, W/o. **Anantha Nayak,** residing of No.171, Santhe Beedi, Bannerughatta National Park Road, Bengaluru-560083, have changed my name from **ANUPAMA NAYAK** to **BHARATHI** vide affidavit dated 15-04-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TESSY ROSE SAJIN** (Old Name) resident of No.94, PREETHIDAMA ENCLAVE, S BINGIPURA VILLAGE, HULIMANGALA, JIGANI, Bengaluru,560105 have changed my name to **TESSY ROSE ANTONY** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 6/4/2026 Before Notary **Sivakumara. M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Ms. Laveena Joseph D/of Sri. Louis Lobo, residing at Flat No.SF-17-205, "Pearl Shell" Elegant Palace Apartment, 3rd main, Thimappa Reddy Layout, BG Road, Bangalore -560076 I have changed my name from Ms Laveena Joseph to Ms Laveen Priya Lobo vide affidavit dated 16-04-2026, sworn before notary Mr S.Samuel Solmon, Bangalore

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DIGANTH TO HEADLINE *RUDRA KAALA*; HEBBAH PATEL FINALISED AS FEMALE LEAD

Hebbah Patel

Samantha Ruth Prabhu launches the title of Diganth's next, Rudra Kaala, a Kannada -Telugu bilingual

A SHARADHAA

NOTED actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu took to social media to announce the title of Dignath's next. The film, which has been titled *Rudra Kaala*, stars Diganth, and will be directed by Gopi. Backed by Ramesh Naik, the project is expected to feature Hebbah Patel is the female lead, and the makers plan to make an official announcement at the film's muhurat, which will be held on April 22.

Hebbah, who began her career in Kannada cinema with *Adhyaksha*, opposite Sharan, went on to work across Tamil and Telugu films, and returns to Kannada with *Rudra Kaala*. This marks her maiden collaboration with Diganth. According to the makers, the film will be shot in Kannada and Telugu simultaneously.

Speaking about the film on the occasion of the title reveal, Diganth expressed hope that the story would connect with viewers. Producer Ramesh Naik said that the script stood out to him from the very first narration session and that he has been keen to back the project ever since. *Rudra Kaala*, which marks Gopi's fourth outing as a director, is expected to be shot in a single schedule. The film's technical team includes cinematographer Christopher Joseph, while the production is handled by Naveen, Shivraj, and Ramesh K Poojari. The makers are yet to reveal details regarding the plot and the rest of the cast and crew.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu unveils the title of Diganth's next

Just like Ramesh, Diganth was immediately convinced by the narration and couldn't wait to start the project. He expressed hope that the story would connect with viewers.

Apart from Rudra Kaala, Diganth, who was last seen in *Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana*, will also star in Samantha's upcoming project, *Maa Inti Bangaram*. The film, which is directed by Nandini Reddy, marks Samantha's return to Telugu cinema in a lead role and is scheduled for release on May 15.

Diganth

Toxic steps away from the usual gangster film: Yash

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AT CinemaCon 2026 in Las Vegas, Indian cinema found a strong moment on a global stage, and it was Yash who drew attention with his thoughts on his upcoming film, Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grownups. Sharing the stage with *Ramayana* producer Namit Malhotra, Yash spoke in detail about Toxic, which he believes moves the gangster genre away from its usual space and into something more character-driven.

Talking about the film, Yash said it is not built like a regular action drama. "For the first time, we have shot that film in English as well," he noted, pointing to the scale at which the film is being mounted. He added that the story is not straightforward. "On the surface, it may look like a gangster film with action, but it also looks at the mind and behaviour of people, and touches on parts of life that people can connect with. It presents a dark character in a different way," he said, hinting that the film leans more on its inner conflict than just action set pieces.

The actor also spoke about working with director Geetu Mohandas, calling the experience a welcome change from his earlier films. "It was quite engaging. We had a strong technical team backing the film. Geetu has brought a fresh angle to a gangster story. I enjoyed the process," he said. He added that the film will not only have strong visuals but will also stay with viewers for the way it handles its characters and themes.

Beyond the film, Yash spoke about how Indian cinema is changing and opening up to wider audiences. He described India as a place where language and culture shift every few hundred kilometres, yet films today are travelling across these differences more easily. With dubbing and broader releases, stories are no longer limited to one region and are finding viewers in many parts of the world.

For him, *Toxic* is part of this change. He sees it as a film that comes from Indian storytelling but is made for viewers everywhere. "It's one of those films that appeals to many while offering something you don't see often," he said, adding that such projects show how the industry is slowly widening its reach without losing its base.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas and backed by Monster Mind Creations and KVN Productions, the film features Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Rukmini Vasanth, and Tara Sutaria along with Yash.

Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grownups is set for a worldwide theatrical release on June 4, 2026.

Yash and Namit Malhotra

Nicholas, Osgood Perkins return to *Longlegs* franchise

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FILMMAKER Osgood Perkins is revisiting the eerie world of *Longlegs*. A new project set within the same universe is officially in the works, with Paramount Pictures stepping in to back the film.

Perkins has written the script and will direct and produce the upcoming feature, while Nicolas Cage is attached to star and produce, reprising his chilling presence associated with the titular character. However, insiders clarify that the film is not a direct sequel, instead describing it as a story "set in the *Longlegs* universe". Production duties are being shared by Brian Kavanaugh Jones of Range Media, Chris Ferguson-Perkins' banner Phobos and Dave Caplan of C2.

Released in 2024, *Longlegs* became an unexpected box office phenomenon. The story followed an FBI agent, played by Maika Monroe, whose clairvoyant abilities aid her investigation into a string of murder-suicides linked to a cryptic serial killer known as *Longlegs*. Cage's unsettling portrayal of the antagonist became one of the film's most talked-about elements.

Jayaram Karthik eyes wider canvas with his next, *Krishnavataram*

Jayaram Karthik

A still from the film

The actor speaks about his role as Satrajit in the Hindi period drama and shares his disappointment over the way Kannada films are backed and received

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ACTOR Jayaram Karthik (JK), who has steadily moved between languages and mediums, is now looking at a significant turn in his career with his second Hindi theatrical outing, *Krishnavataram Part 1*. After making his Hindi television debut with *Siya Ke Ram*, where he played Ravana, and stepping into Bollywood with *O Pushpa I Hate Tears*, JK says this new period film, *Krishnavataram*, will be different in both scale and intent.

Directed by Hardhik Gajjar and produced by Sajan Raj Kurup, Shobha Sant, Poonam Shroff, and Parth Gajjar, the story written by Prakash Kapadia, stars Siddharth Gupta as Krishna, with JK taking on a key antagonist's role with Sanskruti playing Sathyabhama, and Sushma Bhat as Radha. "We have seen many stories of Shri Krishna on screen, but this is an untold chapter," says JK, adding, "It explores the relationship between Krishna and Sathyabhama. I play Satrajit, her father, a powerful Yadava king. The Syamantaka jewel forms the core of the conflict, and there is intense drama between Krishna and Satrajit." For JK, the film is not just another project, but a space to explore a layered character. "Playing an antagonist in a mythological film comes with weight. It is not just about being negative; it is about belief, ego, and devotion. I realised the strength of this role only when I was deep into the shoot," he shares.

The actor also points out that *Krishnavataram* will release in multiple languages, including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and English. "There is no Kannada version," says JK, not hiding his disappointment. "We literally have to beg audiences to watch Kannada films. Even when good films are released, they go unnoticed."

He cites his recent film *Kaada* as an example. "It was a good film, but there was no backing. I was informed by the production house about the film's release barely ten days before its release. There was no promotion at all. We put in so much effort as actors, but if the film is just released for the sake of it, how do we expect people to come to theatres?"

That experience, he admits, has pushed him to rethink his priorities. "After Kaada, I have one more project here, but my focus will now be outside Karnataka. I want people to see my work. What is the point of doing something if it disappears without a trace? We need visibility."

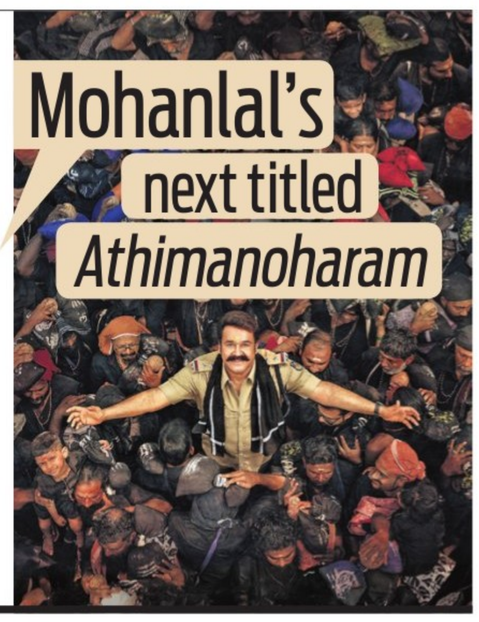
At the same time, JK acknowledges the challenge of breaking into Hindi cinema. "Getting a platform in Hindi is not easy. There is an ocean of talent. I was fortunate that the makers saw something in me. *Krishnavataram* is very important for me, and I am looking forward to seeing it in theatres," says JK, who seems to be taking a firm step into a larger space in other languages, as he continues to wrestle with the realities back home with Kannada films.

BEACH READ FILM ADAPTATION CASTS LEAD ACTORS

CE FEATURES

THE film adaptation of Emily Henry's best-selling novel *Beach Read* has found its leading man, with Patrick Schwarzenegger set to star alongside Phoebe Dynevor. Schwarzenegger takes on the role of Augustus"Gus" Everett, a literary author battling writer's block, and Dynevor will play January Andrews, a romance writer who has lost faith in love. Directed by Yulin Kuang for 20th Century Studios, the project marks another entry in the growing list of Henry's works being brought to the screen. Kuang, who also worked on the adaptation of People We Meet on Vacation, has penned the screenplay herself.

Mohanlal's next titled *Athimanoharam*



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THE makers of L 366, starring Mohanlal and directed by Tharun Moorthy, officially announced the film's title, *Athimanoharam*, and the first look on the occasion of Vishu. The look reaffirms his cop character, TS Lovelajan, after a considerable gap. The film marks Mohanlal and Tharun Moorthy's second collaboration after the success of Thudarum. Backed by Ashiq Usman, the project is scripted by Ratheesh Ravi. The film also stars Meera Jasmine as Naisy, who plays the wife of Mohanlal's Lovelajan.

On the technical front, *Athimanoharam* brings together a strong crew, including cinematographer Shaji Kumar, music director Jakes Bejoy, editor Vivek Harshan, and sound designer Vishnu Govind. The Mahesh Narayanan multi-starrer directorial, Patriot, featuring Mohanlal and Mammootty together after almost two decades, is set for a release on May 1.